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CNN's Acosta back at White House after judge's ruling

CNN's Jim Acosta speaks to journalists on the North Lawn upon returning back to the White House in Washington, Friday, Nov. 16, 2018. U.S. District Court Judge Timothy Kelly ordered the White House to immediately return Acosta's credentials. He found that Acosta was "irreparably harmed" and dismissed the government's argument that CNN could send another reporter in Acosta's place to cover the White House.

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By J. GRESKO and M. BALSAMO

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WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge ordered the Trump administration on Friday to immediately return the White House press creden-

tials of CNN reporter Jim Acosta, though a lawsuit over the credentials' revocation is continuing. U.S. District Court Judge Timothy Kelly, an appointee of President Donald Trump, announced his de-

cision at a hearing Friday morning. The judge said Acosta's credentials must be reactivated to allow him access to the White House complex for press briefings and other events. Acosta, CNN's chief White

House correspondent, was back in the afternoon. The White House said it would be developing new rules for orderly press conferences.

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Trump says will name EPA's acting chief to post permanently



EPA acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler, smiles as he is recognized by President Donald Trump during a Medal of Freedom ceremony in the East Room of the White House in Washington, Friday, Nov. 16, 2018. Also pictured is Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, left, and U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer, second from right.

By ELLEN KNICKMEYER
Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — An-

drew Wheeler, a former congressional aide and lobbyist who has led the

Environmental Protection Agency since his scandal-plagued predecessor resigned earlier this year, got President Donald Trump's nod Friday for the permanent job.

Wheeler's promotion from acting to permanent EPA chief would keep him as a methodical and effective agent in Trump's mission of rolling back environmental regulations that the administration regards as burdensome to business. Environmental groups quickly voiced their opposition. Trump announced his plans for Wheeler almost in passing Friday at a White House ceremony for Presidential Medal of Freedom honorees.

Singling out Cabinet members in the audience at the ceremony, Trump got to Wheeler and said, "acting administrator, who I will tell you is going to be made permanent."

"He's done a fantastic job and I want to congratulate him, EPA, Andrew Wheeler. Where's Andrew?" Trump continued. "Congratulations, Andrew, great job, great job, thank you very

much."

The White House said Trump was signaling his intent to nominate Wheeler. The nomination would require Senate confirmation. Senators approved Wheeler as the agency's deputy administrator in a 53-45 vote last April.

A veteran on Capitol Hill, Wheeler worked from 1995 to 2009 as a staffer for Republican Sen. Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma, a fervent denier of man-made climate change, and then for the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. Wheeler later worked as a lobbyist, including for coal giant Murray Energy Corp., which pushed hard at the outset of the Trump administration for coal-friendly policies from the EPA and other agencies.

The grandson of a coal miner, Wheeler told staffers in his first days as the agency's acting head this summer that he was proud of his roots in coal country. In the acting role, Wheeler has a reputation as a more open and cordial boss for employees than Pruitt was, and for producing regu-

latory rewrites more likely to stand up to court challenges. Since becoming acting EPA head, Wheeler has advanced proposals that would ease emissions limits for power plants, for cars and for oil and gas facilities, rejecting earlier EPA findings that some of the moves would lead to increased deaths from pollutants.

However, Wheeler also has slowed another Pruitt-era rollback that would have allowed trucks rigged with outdated, dirtier-burning engines to stay on the road. "Compared to Administrator Pruitt, Mr. Wheeler is better," Sen. Tom Carper, a Delaware Democrat and one of the most consistent critics of Trump's EPA, said Friday in a statement after Trump's announcement.

"Compared to Administrators Ruckelshaus or Whitman, he's not doing nearly as well," Carper added. He was referring to William Ruckelshaus, who was appointed by Richard Nixon to head the EPA in 1970 and Christine Todd Whitman, who was appointed to the post in 2001 by George W. Bush.

"If the president intends to nominate Andrew Wheeler to be the administrator of EPA, then Mr. Wheeler must come before our committee so that members can look at his record as acting administrator objectively to see if any improvements have been made at the agency since he took the helm."

The EPA did not immediately respond to a request for comment Friday. Environmental groups condemned the announcement.

"In normal times, a zealous fossil fuel apologist and the top official in charge of protecting children's health from pollution would be two separate people with conflicting agendas," Ken Cook, president of the non-profit Environmental Working Group, said in a statement. "But this is the Trump administration, where a former top coal lobbyist could become administrator of the EPA." □

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CNN's Acosta

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The White House revoked Acosta's credentials last week after he and Trump tangled verbally during a press conference following the midterm elections. CNN sued and asked the judge to issue a temporary restraining order forcing the White House to give back Acosta's credentials. The judge agreed.

CNN alleged that Acosta's First and Fifth Amendment rights were violated when the White House revoked his "hard pass."

While the judge didn't rule on the underlying case, he ordered Acosta's pass returned for now in part because he said CNN was likely to prevail on its Fifth Amendment claim — that Acosta hadn't received sufficient notice or explanation before his credentials were revoked or been given sufficient opportunity to respond before they were.

The judge said the government could not say who initially decided to revoke Acosta's hard pass and how that decision was reached.

"In response to the court, we will temporarily reinstate the reporter's hard pass," White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said in a statement. "We will also further develop rules and process-

es to ensure fair and orderly press conferences in the future."

Speaking to reporters after the decision, Trump said, "If they don't listen to the rules and regulations, we will end up back in court and we will win."

He later added: "We want total freedom of the press. It's very important to me, more important to me than anybody would believe. But you have to act with respect when you're in the White House, and when I see the way some of my people get treated at press conferences, it's terrible. So we're setting up a certain standard, which is what the court is requesting."

The White House had spelled out its reasons for revoking Acosta's credentials in a tweet from Sanders and in a statement after CNN filed its lawsuit. But the judge said those "belated efforts were hardly sufficient to satisfy due process."

But the judge also emphasized the "very limited nature" of his ruling Friday. He noted he had not determined that the First Amendment was violated.

The judge told attorneys to file additional court papers in the case by Monday.

On Friday afternoon, more than 50 members of the White House press corps greeted Acosta as he strode through the northwest gate of the presiden-



CNN's Jim Acosta enters the Brady press briefing room upon returning back to the White House in Washington, Friday, Nov. 16, 2018.

Associated Press

tial compound. He said he was grateful for the judge's ruling, that it was a test and the media passed the test. "This is just any other day at the White House for me and I would like to get back to work," he said.

Trump has made his dislike of CNN clear since before he took office and continuing into his presidency. He has described the network as "fake news" both on Twitter and in public comments.

At last week's press conference, Trump was taking questions from reporters and called on Acosta, who asked about Trump's statements about a caravan of migrants making its way to the U.S.-Mexico border.

After a terse exchange, Trump told Acosta, "That's enough," several times while calling on another reporter.

Acosta attempted to ask another question about special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation and initially declined to give up a handheld microphone to a White House intern. Trump responded to Acosta by saying he wasn't concerned about the investigation, calling it a "hoax," and then criticized Acosta, calling him a "rude, terrible person."

Hours later, the White House pulled Acosta's credentials.

The White House's explanations for why it seized

Acosta's credentials have shifted over the past week. Sanders initially explained the decision by accusing Acosta of making improper physical contact with the intern seeking to grab the microphone.

But that rationale disappeared after witnesses backed Acosta's account that he was just trying to keep the microphone and Sanders distributed a doctored video that made it appear Acosta was more aggressive than he actually was.

On Tuesday, Sanders accused Acosta in a written statement of being unprofessional by trying to dominate the questioning at the news conference. □

Supreme Court to hear arguments in census dispute

By MARK SHERMAN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court says it will hear arguments over the evidence a federal judge can consider in the lawsuit concerning the addition of a citizenship question to the 2020 census.

U.S. District Judge Jesse M. Furman is currently presiding over a trial in New York to determine if Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross acted legally when he decided to include the citizenship question on the decennial census for the first time since 1950.

That trial is expected to conclude soon. The justices set arguments for Feb. 19 and it is unclear whether Furman would delay his ruling until after the Supreme Court decides the case.

The high court had previously allowed the trial to go forward, rejecting a Trump administration request to delay it.

The issue for the court is whether Furman may include the depositions of acting assistant attorney general John Gore and Commerce Department officials, as well as other evidence that was not part of

the official, or administrative, record the Commerce Department compiled.

More than a dozen states and big cities challenged the citizenship question, arguing it will discourage immigrant participation and dilute political representation and funds for states that tend to vote Democratic. The administration said the question will allow the Justice Department to enforce the Voting Rights Act more effectively.

Solicitor General Noel Francisco told the justices in a court filing Furman's orders authorizing the depositions

and other evidence "defy decades of settled law."

The challengers had wanted to question Ross under oath about his motivation for asking about citizenship. Furman would have allowed that, but the justices didn't agree.

The judge has said evidence suggests that Ross may have decided to add the question before asking the Justice Department to request it. He also cited proof Ross had overruled senior Census Bureau staff who concluded adding it was very costly and would harm the census count.

Last month, Ross, in a Justice Department filing, said he now remembers speaking with former senior White House adviser Steve Bannon last year about adding a citizenship question to the census. He also recalled discussing the matter with then-Attorney General Jeff Sessions in the spring of 2017 and at other times, Justice Department lawyers wrote in the filing. Ross had previously testified under oath that he was unaware of discussions between himself and anyone in the White House on the subject. □

Abrams ends Georgia governor bid; says she'll file lawsuit

By BILL BARROW and KATE BRUMBACK
Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Democrat Stacey Abrams ended her challenge to Republican Brian Kemp in the Georgia governor's race on Friday, but pledged to fight the former secretary of state's "gross mismanagement" of the elections with a federal lawsuit. Speaking defiantly to a news conference, Abrams said her actions did not constitute a concession, but she acknowledged that she had no further recourse under the law and that Kemp would be certified the winner.

"Let's be clear: This is not a speech of concession," she said. "Because concession means to acknowledge an action is right, true or proper. As a woman of conscience and faith I cannot concede that."

In accepting Abrams' decision to end her campaign, Kemp said he appreciated "her passion, hard work, and commitment to public service." "The election is over and hardworking Georgians are ready to move forward," he said. "We can no longer dwell on the divisive politics of the past but must focus on Georgia's bright and promising future." Kemp, a 55-year-old businessman, had been secretary of state since 2010. He was backed by and had embraced President Donald Trump as



Georgia gubernatorial candidate Stacey Abrams makes remarks during a press conference at the Abrams Headquarters in Atlanta, Friday, Nov. 16, 2018.

he tried to maintain GOP dominance in a state that hasn't elected a Democrat to the governor's mansion since 1998.

He was heavily criticized for refusing to step down from his post overseeing elections in which he was a candidate. Abrams' campaign accused him of trying to suppress the votes of minorities by purging voter rolls and implementing a state law requiring that the names of voters on their registration forms exactly match those on their government identification. Kemp said he was trying to maintain the integrity of Georgia's voter rolls.

Officials from Abrams'

campaign had told The Associated Press on Thursday that the candidate was considering the unprecedented move of invoking a state law that would let her challenge the results based on "misconduct, fraud or irregularities ... sufficient to change or place in doubt the results." But ultimately she declined to do so.

Instead, Abrams said she would fight to restore integrity to Georgia's election system in a new initiative called "Fair Fight Georgia." "In the coming days, we will be filing a major federal lawsuit against the state of Georgia for the gross mismanagement of this election and to protect future

elections," Abrams said. She did not give details.

Abrams also said she would support John Barrow, the Democrat vying to succeed Kemp as secretary of state in a runoff next month. Kemp stormed to the GOP nomination with ads featuring everything from the candidate cranking a chain saw and jokingly pointing a gun toward a teen male suitor of his daughter, to Kemp's offer to "round up criminal illegals" himself in his pickup truck. He's promised a tax cut and teacher pay raises and pledged to continue Georgia's refusal to expand Medicaid insurance under President Barack

Obama's 2010 health care overhaul.

Abrams' campaign sparked huge energy across the state and she became a national Democratic star. Election turnout among both sides' energized bases nearly equaled that of the 2016 presidential vote.

Kemp's victory is an important marker for Republicans ahead of the 2020 presidential election. Kemp's narrow margin already suggests that Georgia, a state Trump won by 5 percentage points in 2016, could be a genuine battleground in 2020. Trump bet big on Kemp, endorsing him ahead of Kemp's Republican primary runoff and campaigning for him the weekend prior to the Nov. 6 election. Now, Trump will be able to return with an incumbent governor as he seeks a second term.

Abrams' political future is less certain. She made believers of old-guard Democrats in Georgia who didn't think a black woman could compete in a general election, and she emerged as the party's clear leader. But the party also has plenty of other ambitious politicians who will want to take advantage of the path that Abrams' has laid out.

The next big shot for Democrats is a 2020 Senate race, with Republican Sen. David Perdue making his first re-election attempt. □



In this April 7, 2017, file photo, former U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch speaks during a conference on policy and blacks at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government in Cambridge, Mass.

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GOP prepares to subpoena Comey, Lynch before losing power

By MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans who have spent the last two years arguing that there was bias in President Barack Obama's Justice Department are preparing to subpoena two key witnesses in the final weeks of their majority — former FBI Director James Comey and former Attorney General Loretta Lynch.

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Robert Goodlatte, R-Va., has no-

tified colleagues that he will subpoena Comey for a closed-door deposition Nov. 29 and Lynch for Dec. 5, according to a person familiar with the subpoenas. The person declined to be identified because the person was not authorized to speak publicly on the matter.

The subpoenas are part of an investigation by two GOP-led committees into decisions made by the department during the 2016 election, when Democrat Hillary Clinton was cleared

in a probe into her email use and Justice officials launched an investigation into Trump's campaign and Russia. Both Comey and Lynch were in power during that time.

Republicans on the House Judiciary and Oversight and Government Reform panels have argued that Justice officials were conspiring against Trump's election, and they have interviewed multiple current and former Justice officials behind closed doors in an effort to prove their case. □

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Baltimore mayor picks Fort Worth chief as next top cop

By **DAVID McFADDEN** and
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BALTIMORE (AP) — Baltimore's mayor announced Friday she has chosen a Texas police chief as her nominee to lead the city's troubled force, seeking to rein in a soaring pace of violent crime and boost public trust in a tattered department where instability has become the norm. In an op-ed published late Friday afternoon on The Baltimore Sun's website, Mayor Catherine Pugh said she believed Fort Worth Police Chief Joel Fitzgerald was "best suited to lead the way forward." She wrote that he has led a large police department and is "well versed on training and community engagement."

"Joel Fitzgerald is the person, in my view, to now lead Baltimore's police department into a new era of credibility, accountability and trust," she wrote. "I hope that you will give him the full and fair hearing he deserves as he works to earn your confidence as he has earned mine."

The mayor's spokesman confirmed that she expects Fitzgerald will start working as acting commissioner after Thanksgiving, taking over the responsibilities of interim Commissioner Gary Tuggle.

Fitzgerald, 47, will need to be confirmed by the Baltimore City Council in coming weeks to become permanent commissioner.

Recent years have been deeply tumultuous for Balti-

more's police department, the eighth largest municipal police department in the United States. Fitzgerald would be the city's

er this year after admissions by corrupt detectives on an out-of-control unit called the Gun Trace Task Force revealed that members re-

notched last year in Maryland's biggest city yielded a punishing homicide rate of 56 per 100,000 people, a record per-capita rate in

a black woman, to the ground before arresting the woman and her daughter. The video sparked outrage and garnered national attention. The incident came after Craig complained that a man had physically confronted her 7-year-old son for allegedly littering.

There were calls for the officer to be fired, but Fitzgerald instead decided to suspend the officer for 10 days. Fort Worth and Arlington pastors asserted the arrests were racist. The police chief, instead, said the officer was rude and stated: "There's a difference between rude and racism." Another Fort Worth pastor, B.R. Daniels Jr., said he wishes the chief well in the new position, but said Fitzgerald should examine his views on building police-community relationships, particularly with Baltimore's history of police misconduct.

"He just can't keep slapping (officers) on the wrist," he said.

Pugh, however, described Fitzgerald as a proven reformer who has motivated officers to "adapt to new approaches and new technologies." She said he understands that use-of-force policies must be clearly understood by rank and file, among other things.

"In each of his leadership positions, commissioner-designate Fitzgerald has established a reputation as a reformer and 'disrupter' of the status quo," she wrote. Fitzgerald could not immediately be contacted for comment on Pugh's announcement. □



In this Jan. 9, 2017 file photo, Fort Worth Police Chief Joel Fitzgerald speaks at a press conference to announce the discipline for Officer William Martin in Fort Worth, Texas.

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fourth police leader this year alone.

Baltimore is struggling to implement a federal consent decree mandating sweeping reforms after U.S. investigators detailed long-standing patterns of unconstitutional policing and excessive force. As commissioner, Fitzgerald would be a key player in making sure reforms encompassing some of the most fundamental aspects of police work — use of force, searches and arrests — finally take root.

Confidence in Baltimore's sworn protectors has badly deteriorated over many years. However, it might have hit rock bottom earli-

er sold seized narcotics, conducted brazen robberies and falsified evidence.

In 2015, Baltimore made international headlines when a 25-year-old black man's death in police custody triggered massive protests and the city's worst rioting in decades. Six police officers were charged in connection with the death of Freddie Gray but three were acquitted and the city's top prosecutor eventually dropped the three remaining cases.

Violent crime rates in Baltimore have been notoriously high for years. But there's been a worrying march of killings since Gray's death. In 2017, the 342 homicides

Baltimore and well above that of any other big American city.

In recent days, some local Fort Worth leaders have cast doubt on Fitzgerald as a true police reformer as speculation built that he would soon be departing for Baltimore.

"I'm not sad to see him go," said Michael Bell, pastor at Greater St. Stephen First Church in Fort Worth. "He was ineffective in bridging the gap between the police and the community." Bell criticized Fitzgerald's handling of the fallout from a police encounter in 2016, in which a video showed a white Fort Worth officer wrestle Jacqueline Craig,

DeVos proposes overhaul to campus sexual misconduct rules

By COLLIN BINKLEY
Associated Press

Education Secretary Betsy DeVos on Friday proposed a major overhaul to the way colleges and universities handle sexual misconduct complaints, adding protections for students accused of assault and harassment and narrowing which cases schools would be required to investigate. Her plan would scale back important Obama administration rules while adding mandates that could reshape the school disciplinary systems that schools have developed over the past decade.

Under the new plan, colleges would have to investigate complaints only if the alleged incident occurred on campus or in other areas overseen by the school, and only if it was reported to certain officials. By contrast, current rules require colleges to review all student complaints, regardless of their location or how they came to the school's attention.

It adds several provisions supported by groups that represent students accused of sexual misconduct. Chief among them, it says accused students must be able to cross-examine their accusers, although it would be done through a representative to avoid personal confrontations.



In this Sept. 17, 2018 photo, Education Secretary Betsy DeVos speaks during a student town hall at National Constitution Center in Philadelphia.

The proposal effectively tells schools how to apply the 1972 law known as Title IX, which bars discrimination based on sex in schools that receive federal money. It applies not only to colleges and universities, but also to elementary and secondary schools.

The Education Department says the proposal ensures fairness for students on both sides of accusations, while giving schools flexibility to support victims even if they don't file a formal complaint or request an investigation. "We can, and must,

condemn sexual violence and punish those who perpetrate it, while ensuring a fair grievance process," DeVos said in a statement. "Those are not mutually exclusive ideas. They are the very essence of how Americans understand justice to function."

For years, schools have relied on a series of letters issued by the Obama administration instructing them how to respond to complaints. Missteps could bring federal investigations that often last years, with penalties as high as a total

loss of federal funding.

Advocacy groups for victims say the Obama rules forced schools to stop sweeping the issue under the rug, while those supporting accused students said it tipped the scales in favor of accusers. Some colleges complained that the rules were too complex and could be overly burdensome.

DeVos echoed the rules' critics when she rescinded two guidance letters in September 2017, declaring that "the era of 'rule by letter'" was over. In its place,

she issued the 150-page proposal on Friday, which will go through a 60-day public comment process before it can be finalized.

Legal experts say it could dramatically reduce the number of complaints that get investigated by schools. Saunie Schuster, a lawyer who advises a range of colleges, says the vast majority of complaints arise off-campus and would no longer need to be addressed by schools, although colleges could still go beyond minimum requirements.

DeVos' plan is also likely to cut down on actions taken by the Education Department, which can penalize schools for failing to uphold Title IX. The proposal raises the bar for proving that failure, saying schools must be "deliberately indifferent" to be held legally liable.

As of Friday, the Education Department said it was investigating 387 Title IX complaints involving sexual harassment or violence at the college level, along with 296 at elementary and secondary schools.

Catherine Lhamon, who led the Education Department's civil rights division under Obama and helped develop existing rules, told The Associated Press the new proposal is "devastating" and would take schools back to a "a very dark time." □

Panel dismisses ethics charges against Arkansas justices

By ANDREW DeMILLO
Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — A disciplinary panel dismissed ethics charges Friday against the Arkansas Supreme Court's justices over their decision to prohibit a judge who participated in an anti-death penalty demonstration from hearing any execution-related cases.

The Arkansas Judicial Discipline and Disability Commission voted unanimously to dismiss the charges that the court's seven justices violated ethics rules when they disqualified Pulaski

County Circuit Judge Wendell Griffen. The court last year prohibited Griffen from hearing death penalty cases after he was photographed laying on a cot during a demonstration outside the governor's mansion wearing an anti-death penalty button and surrounded by people holding signs opposing executions.

Earlier the day of the demonstration, Griffen blocked the state from using a lethal injection drug over the claims the drug supplier had been misled by the state.

A three-member panel earlier this year said the justices never gave Griffen notice or an opportunity to be heard over his removal. In dismissing the complaint Friday, the commission said it doesn't have jurisdiction to take action against judges for how they apply the law in the absence of "fraud, corrupt motive or bad faith." The justices had argued the commission didn't have jurisdiction over the complaint since it dealt with a legal issue and not an ethical matter.

The ethics complaint against the justices was

filed by Griffen, who was charged earlier this year by a three-member panel from the commission over the demonstration. An attorney for Griffen said he was surprised by the commission's action and had not been notified beforehand.

"This clandestine Friday afternoon dismissal of the sustained ethics charges against the Arkansas Supreme Court was totally unknown to us until now because we were not given any notice of a hearing or session regarding same," attorney Mike Laux said in

an email. "Unfortunately, this appears to be a recurring theme when it pertains to Judge Griffen's constitutional rights and protected interests."

Brent Standridge, the special counsel who had been appointed to prosecute the case against the justices, did not immediately return a call Friday afternoon.

Five justices had filed a lawsuit in the state Supreme Court to halt the ethics charges. Gov. Asa Hutchinson last month named seven special justices to preside over that case. □

Number of missing hard to peg in deadly California wildfire

By JANIE HAR
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Authorities have released a list of more than 600 people who are unaccounted for after a deadly Northern California wildfire — but that doesn't mean they are all actually missing. Some of the people on the ever-evolving list compiled by the Butte County sheriff's office have been confirmed dead by family and friends on social media. Others have been found safe, but authorities have not yet marked them as such.

And some, like Tamara Conry, say they never should have been on the list.

"My husband and I are not missing and never were!" Conry wrote Thursday night on a Facebook page dedicated to finding people from the fire zone in and around the incinerated town of Paradise. "We have no family looking for us ... I called and left a message to take our names off."

The confusion stems from the difficulty authorities face putting together a tally of the missing as they pore through hundreds of reports filed by people who could not reach loved ones in the aftermath of a blaze that spread with astonishing speed last week. It became the deadliest U.S. wildfire in a century. Butte County Sheriff Kory Honey initially said 110 were missing, then revised the number to more than 220. He put it at 130 on Wednesday but released a list the same night with 300 names. He dramatically raised the number to 631 late Thursday.

He acknowledged the list is "dynamic" and includes reports of missing people from the disaster's frantic early hours when authorities were flooded with calls. "The chaos that we were dealing with was extraordinary. Now, we're trying to go back out and make sure that we're accounting for everyone," Honea said, explaining that deputies were recording the earliest

dispatch reports.

Jan Walcott of Oakland has been tweeting since the day after the fire started Nov. 8 that she was looking for her 78-year-old sister, Joyce Acheson, who lives in Paradise and has disabilities.

When the list of 631 missing emerged, her sister's name was on it, along with someone with a similar spelling, Joyce Atchison — prompting speculation they might be the same person. But that's not the case.

"There were two people with similar names, and it caused confusion," Walcott said.

The wildfire has killed at least 63 people, with the number climbing daily.

Sheriff's office spokeswoman Miranda Bowersox said Friday that the list of people who are unaccounted for is not a real-time reflection of who is missing.

She said the office is distributing the names widely in the hope anyone on it might call in and say they're OK.

"They might not be in the area anymore. There might be friends and family here who don't know they left, that they went to another area," she said.

Conry, whose Paradise house escaped largely unscathed, said she left a voicemail with the sheriff's office Thursday night and called again Friday morning and talked to a person. "She was excited to hear that we were OK," said Conry, who is 55 and not 72 as the list reported.

Conry said friends and family knew she and her husband were all right because they had her cell-phone numbers and she was posting on social media. She realizes that might not be the case for others. "Nobody calls our home line except for telemarketers," she said.

In last year's wine country wildfires, Sonoma County authorities at one point listed more than 2,000 people as missing but slowly whittled down the number. In the end, 44 people died in that series of fires in several California counties. □



In this Nov. 13, 2018 file photo, messages are shown on a bulletin board at The Neighborhood Church in Chico, Calif., as evacuees, family and friends search for people missing from the northern California wildfire.

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Near Irish border, the Brexit drama is followed with alarm

By **RENATA BRITO**

Associated Press

NEWRY, Northern Ireland

(AP) — Families and business owners near the Irish border that separates the U.K. from the rest of the EU are watching in apprehension as political chaos in London threatens to torpedo a Brexit deal that aims to avoid a return of customs checks and possible sectarian violence to the region.

The border between the United Kingdom's Northern Ireland the European Union's Republic of Ireland is currently unpoliced and invisible thanks to an EU rule that allows people and goods to travel freely. The main difficulty in the Brexit talks has been how to not disturb that liberty, which has helped to ensure peace since 1998.

The big fear in this region is that Prime Minister Theresa May's Brexit plan, which aims to safeguard an open border, will fall apart and the U.K. will leave the EU with no deal on future relations. Overnight, that could bring back customs checks and police watch-points.



A Money exchange sign is seen on a bridge with an old disused customs post on the Irish border between Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic close to the town of Newry, Northern Ireland, Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018.

"I'd be horrified - absolutely horrified - if there was some sort of border," said Jim Deary, who lives in nearby Dundalk in the Republic of Ireland and, at the age of 95, can recall the violence that plagued the region for decades.

Just across the invisible border, which is now physically represented by nothing more than a placid river, the sentiment is much the same.

"Britain is facing, and Northern Ireland is facing, absolute chaos," says Conor

Patterson, the CEO of an agency that promotes economic growth in Northern Irish border regions of Newry and Mourne. "This is not a theoretical risk, these are real risks."

In Northern Ireland, Catholic and Protestant com-

munities remain divided decades after 30 years of conflict claimed around 3,700 lives. The peace agreement signed in 1998 provides people with the freedom to identify as Irish or British, or both. Having a border could rekindle identity politics and, potentially, violence.

May's deal involves a common customs arrangement for the U.K. and the EU, eliminating the need for border checks, with some provisions that are specific to Northern Ireland. Pro-Brexiters say that would leave the U.K. too close to the EU, taking its rules for years, and some are trying to get rid of May — as well as her deal, which is due to be voted on in Parliament. Economically, this region has a lot to lose from a return of tariffs and customs checks.

In the days of hard borders, trade between the north and south was a fraction of what it is today. It took truck drivers hours to get cleared and across the other side.

On average, commercial vehicles cross the border 13,000 times each day. □

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Protests to greet Dutch Santa and his black-faced sidekick

By **MIKE CORDER**

Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands

(AP) — As Dutch children anticipate the arrival of their country's version of Santa Claus this weekend, critics and fans of his helper, Black Pete, are gearing up for protests that have become another fixture of the festive season in the Netherlands.

White people often daub their faces with black paint when they dress up to play the character. Opponents say the annual recreations of Black Pete promote racist stereotypes. Supporters defend the sidekick of Sinterklaas, the white-bearded, red-robed Dutch version of St. Nicholas, as a traditional children's character.

A nationally televised arrival parade takes place Saturday in the picturesque village of Zaandijk, north



In this Saturday Nov. 16, 2013, file photo, people dressed as "Zwarte Piet" or "Black Pete", wave to spectators as they arrive with the Sinterklaas, the Dutch version of Santa Claus, by steamboat in Hoorn, north-western Netherlands.

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of Amsterdam. Sinterklaas and his helpers are set to arrive on a boat and then tour the village. One group unsuccessfully tried in court to keep Pete from the party. Geralt Lammers, a spokesman for Zaandam municipality, which includes Zaandijk, said four

groups, two in favor and two against Black Pete, have said they plan demonstrations.

The municipality has assigned specific areas for the protests to avoid possible confrontations between the pro- and anti-Pete camps. The most promi-

nent group, Kick Out Black Pete, said on its Facebook page that it is organizing weekend demonstrations in 18 Dutch municipalities, but not in Zaandijk.

The far-right Netherlands People's Union is one of the groups planning to demonstrate in support of the Christmas character.

Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte entered the debate Friday, calling on all protesters not to spoil the festivities for children.

"I think society agrees on one thing: we grant children the magic of the Sinterklaas party," Rutte said at his weekly press conference. NTR, the public broadcaster responsible for the televised event, said the Black Petes in this year's parade will have faces made up in various shades. In recent years, the color of the character's face has been attributed to smudg-

es of soot from going up and down chimneys to deliver gifts.

"The more often a Pete has been through a chimney, the more soot he or she has on their face," NTR said in a statement earlier this year. Anti-Pete protesters took their arguments to court this week, arguing the character was racist and discriminatory. Afro-style wigs are part of some costumes as well as blackface makeup, though fewer than in past years. But a judge refused the request to keep Black Pete out of the parade.

"Black Pete is undoubtedly changing," judge Antoon Schotman said. "Some think that the process is moving too slowly and that's fine. Others believe the process is moving too quickly. There is no objective way of measuring it. What is important is that the conversation continues." □



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With new Egypt capital being built, what becomes of Cairo?

By HAMZA HENDAWI

Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Billboards across Cairo advertise luxury homes with “breathtaking” views in compounds with names like “La Verde” or “Vinci” in Egypt’s new capital that is under construction in the desert, miles from the Nile-side city which has been the seat of power for more than 1,000 years.

Often, what lies behind the billboards are Cairo’s most overcrowded neighborhoods, with shoddily built homes and dirt roads frequently inundated with sewage water.

A city of some 20 million people combining charm and squalor, Cairo may soon witness an exodus by well-heeled residents, state employees and foreign embassies to the New Administrative Capital, as the vast project in the desert is provisionally known. It will be the latest phase in the flight of the rich, many of whom have already moved to gated communities in new suburbs, leaving the old Cairo in neglect and decay.

The new capital — a proper name has yet to be found — is the \$45 billion brainchild of general-turned-president Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, the biggest of the mega-projects he launched since taking office in 2014. He contends the projects, ranging from new roads and housing complexes to a Suez Canal expansion, attract investors and create jobs.

Senior officials boastfully compare what has been built under el-Sissi to monuments like the Giza Pyramids. “History will do justice to this generation of Egyptians and our grandsons will remember its achieve-

ment, a wave of construction unprecedented in modern-day Egypt,” Prime

Minister Mustafa Madbouly built the new capital, but if Egyptians don’t see an improvement in their living

conditions and services, he will be remembered as the president who destroyed what is left of the middle class.”

Egyptians.” Prices tell a different story. The smallest apartment there — 120

will take draconian laws to keep the new city distinct, he said. No one knows how Cairo will be impacted by a new capital and the shift of the seat of power outside of the city for the first time since the Muslim conquest in the 7th Century.

Many government buildings in Cairo, for example, are palaces and mansions confiscated by the socialist government of the 1950s and 1960s. In theory, they could be renovated and turned into museums or hotels, proponents argue. But then, many such empty architectural treasures are already left to fall apart or even torn down.

The government is renovating some of Cairo’s illegally built neighborhoods. But in one case, it razed a run-down district and moved out residents after compensating them to make way for a high-end district. Amar Ali Hassan, a sociopolitical expert, believes Cairo’s woes will only deepen. “It could be neglected, become estranged and left to die a slow death,” he said. Sameh Abdallah Alayli, an urban planning expert, wrote in the Al-Shorouk newspaper that the idea of a new capital was unacceptable, construction should be halted and the focus put back on overhauling the ancient city. “Historical Cairo must remain the political capital of Egypt,” he wrote. □



In this Oct. 23, 2018 photo, a man rides his motorbike as others wait for a bus under a billboard promoting a new residential housing compound, in Cairo, Egypt.

Associated Press

ment, a wave of construction unprecedented in modern-day Egypt,” Prime Minister Mustafa Madbouly, also the housing minister, proclaimed. Critics call the new capital a vanity project, arguing its cost could have been better put to rebuilding the wrecked economy and refurbishing Cairo. They also see it as evidence of el-Sissi’s authoritarianism, launching a multibillion-dollar plan with little debate. El-Sissi often lashes out at those who question him, telling Egyptians to listen only to him and saying he’s answerable to God alone. He often says Egypt’s resources are limited — leading some Egyptians, struggling amid skyrocketing prices, to wonder why so much is spent on questionable projects.

“There is something very wrong with the order of priorities,” said political analyst Hassan Nafaa. “Maybe el-Sissi wants to go down in history as the leader who

conditions and services, he will be remembered as the president who destroyed what is left of the middle class.”

The government argues that Cairo is already bursting at the seams and will grow to 40 million by 2050. The new city is being built on 170,000 acres about 28 miles east of Cairo and nearly twice its size. Construction began in 2016, and the first of its forecast 6.5 million residents are scheduled to move there next year.

The city will house the presidency, Cabinet, parliament and ministries. Planners promise a 21-mile-long public park, an airport, an opera house, a sports complex and 20 skyscrapers, including Africa’s highest, at 345 meters.

Madbouly denied the new city will only attract the well-off, saying it is “for all

square meters — is expected to cost 1.3 million Egyptian pounds (\$73,000), out of reach for a mid-level bureaucrat, who may make the equivalent of about \$4,800 a year.

“Those targeted to live in the new capital constitute a very, very limited segment of society,” said Nafaa. Ironically, the new capital could one day be overwhelmed by the old, as illegal construction expands. That has often been the way Cairo has evolved, with the rich moving out, only to move again as the city swells, adding layer after layer. “Throughout the history of Cairo, the ruling elite and the rich have failed to completely isolate themselves from the rest of the population,” said novelist Hamdy Abu Golayyel, who authored a book about the city called “Cairo, Streets and Stories.” It

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Rohingya refugee camp quiet after Bangladesh delays return

By JULHAS ALAM

Associated Press

COX'S BAZAR, Bangladesh

(AP) — Normal life returned to a Rohingya Muslim refugee camp in Bangladesh on Friday, a day after government authorities postponed plans to begin repatriating residents to Myanmar when no one volunteered to go.

United Nations officials and international aid agencies praised the government of Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who hopes to retain power in elections next month, for upholding a commitment not to force the repatriation.

Hasina has repeatedly discussed the toll on Bangladesh of hosting more than a million Rohingya — including more than 700,000 who fled military-led violence in Myanmar since August 2017 and tens of thousands of others who escaped previous bouts of violence and persecution. Residents of Cox's Bazar district often complain that they have been undercut by refugees willing to work illegally for lower wages. Thousands of acres (hectares) of national forests usually roamed by wild elephants have been taken over by the cramped and unsanitary camps.

But Hasina's decision not to force the repatriation is unlikely to hurt her bid to win a third term in December, according to Pinak Chakravarty, India's former ambassador to Bangladesh and a fellow with the New Delhi-based Observer Research Foundation.

"The people of Bangladesh are sympathetic to the plight of the Rohingya. Apart from the fact that they're refugees, they're fellow Muslims. She understands that these feelings are strong, and that is why I think she would not force anyone to go," he said.

As it became apparent that refugees were unlikely to be sent back, tensions eased in the camps. The checkpoints at the entrance to Unchiprang, one of the refugee camps near the city of Cox's Bazar, were temporarily left unguarded



A Rohingya Muslim man Nabi Hossain sits for a photograph along with his family inside Unchiprang refugee camp near Cox's Bazar, in Bangladesh, Friday, Nov. 16, 2018.

Associated Press

on Friday morning as about 500 people crowded into a mosque for Friday prayers. One of the imams, Abdul Hakim, told the devotees that the government could not force Rohingya to go back without Myanmar guaranteeing them protection and civil rights, to which they raised their hands and replied, "Amen." Hundreds of thousands of Rohingya Muslims have fled to Bangladesh from western Myanmar's Rakhine state since last year to escape killings and destruction of their villages by the military and Buddhist vigilantes that have drawn widespread condemnation of Myanmar.

Bangladesh's refugee commission had planned to begin a voluntary repatriation process under a United Nations-brokered deal with Myanmar by escorting about 150 refugees across the border on Thursday, despite calls by U.N. officials, Human Rights Watch and others to wait until the Rohingya's safety in Myanmar could be assured.

U.N. human rights chief Michelle Bachelet said earlier this week that the agency continues to receive reports of ongoing violations of the rights of Rohingya remaining in Rakhine, including "allegations of killings, disappearances and

arbitrary arrests," as well as widespread restrictions on freedom of movement, health and education.

Fearful of returning home, some people on Bangladesh's repatriation list left their shanties and disappeared into other camps. After a demonstration involving about 1,000 Rohingya broke out at Unchiprang, Refugee Commissioner Abul Kalam said plans had been shelved because no refugees were willing to return.

Kalam did not immediately return calls and messages on Friday, and it was unclear when the process would begin again.

Nabi Hossain, 45, left his shanty at Unchiprang camp late Wednesday with his wife, Jamila Begum, and six other family members after noticing extra security at the camp.

"We heard they will come and take us. We were in a panic," Hossain said, adding that the family slept outside and didn't eat much because they didn't want a cooking fire to attract attention.

They returned Thursday after hearing about the protest.

"If they allow us to have our rights, our citizenship, we want to go.

But if we are forced, if our rights are not given, it is

better to crush us under the wheels of cars or be thrown in a river," Hossain said.

Not everyone who fled Unchiprang has returned.

Johara, 30, a mother of five, said her husband left five days ago with their 6-year-old daughter, who was traumatized after witnessing Myanmar soldiers ransack their home village.

"My daughter is terrified. She told her father to take her with him," she said.

Johara, who goes by one name, said her husband left to find his parents at another camp after she gave an interview to aid workers, and the family found out they were on the government's repatriation list.

While Johara waited for her husband and daughter to return, activity at Unchiprang returned to normal, with little sign of the aid workers, journalists or government officials who had swarmed the camp earlier in the week.

Even as refugees in Bangladesh protested against repatriation, concerns grew that another Rohingya exodus from Myanmar by sea may be in the works.

Authorities in Myanmar arrested 106 people, believed to be Rohingya, whose boat drifted to shore Friday morning in Kyauktan township, south of Yangon, during what they said was

an effort to sail to Malaysia. One of the people detained, who did not give his name, told reporters that the group came from a displacement camp for Rohingya near Sittwe, the capital of Rakhine.

He said the group departed on Oct. 25, and one passenger, a 20-year-old woman, had died of hunger.

The boat drifted to shore after they decided to return to Rakhine because of the lack of supplies and tried to turn it around, he said.

Sittwe is a frequent exit point for Rohingya seeking to make the dangerous and illegal voyage by sea to Malaysia, which is a Muslim majority country which generally tolerates their arrival.

In 2015, a mass of such journeys caused a regional crisis, especially as the policy of some nations, especially Thailand, was to turn away the boats, even when those aboard were in desperate circumstances. Unknown hundreds of refugees are believed to have perished at sea. Several boats made the same voyage in April this year.

Another boat believed to be carrying Rohingya refugees was sighted Friday near Indonesia.

Muhammad Nasir, who heads a disaster mitigation office in the northern part of Indonesia's Sumatra island, said fishermen reported seeing a wooden boat carrying about 80 people believed to be Rohingyas.

Meenakshi Ganguly, South Asia director at Human Rights Watch, said Friday that the continued Rohingya flight from Myanmar shows that Bangladesh's repatriation plans should remain shelved.

"Myanmar might claim that it is ready to receive the refugees, but the truth is that the conditions are not safe, and the Rohingya cannot make a decision about voluntary returns until human rights protections are guaranteed with international monitoring, and there is accountability for the horrible abuses by the military," she said. □



Spat over WWII brothels shows Japan's trouble in facing past

By MARI YAMAGUCHI

Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — A journalist close to Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has defended her view that Korean women who were sent to Japanese wartime military brothels were not sex slaves, and accused a liberal-leaning newspaper of fabrication.

One of the newspaper's reporters said a day earlier that the journalist's comments triggered threats against him and had interfered with the settlement of the issue between Japan and South Korea.

Their public spat — a defamation suit by reporter Takashi Uemura against journalist Yoshiko Sakurai — highlights Japan's struggle to come to terms with its wartime atrocities more than 70 years after World War II.

The two represent the divide. The conservatives



In this Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018, photo, Takashi Uemura, a former Asahi newspaper reporter, speaks during a press conference at the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan, in Tokyo.

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hold the Asahi newspaper, where Uemura used to work, responsible for spreading the impression

that all so-called "comfort women" were coerced. Liberals say evidence, including court documents and

accounts of the women, shows many people were forced into sexual slavery. Sakurai told a news con-

ference on Friday that she sympathizes with comfort women despite their being "prostitutes" but that "I still think the Asahi and Mr. Uemura should be held accountable" for hurting Japan's image. She said Japan can't have a unified view of its wartime history because of what she called media bias.

Sakurai spearheads the view of Japanese nationalists that comfort women were voluntary prostitutes, and that Japan has been unfairly criticized for a practice they say is common in any country at war. Sakurai, a former newscaster at Nippon Television, is close to the country's powerful conservative political lobby, which includes many lawmakers in Abe's Cabinet and ruling Liberal Democratic Party and backs Abe's campaign for an amendment of Japan's pacifist constitution. □

Cyclone kills 13 in southern India, 80K people evacuated

Associated Press

NEW DELHI (AP) — A cyclone hit the coast of southern India on Friday, killing at least 13 people, damaging homes and forcing the evacuation of more than 80,000 residents. Cyclone Gaja blew ashore in Tamil Nadu state with heavy rains and winds of 90 kilometers (55 miles) per hour, said Narendra Kumar, a National Disaster Response Force official.

The storm weakened after coming onshore.

People living in low-lying areas had been taken to more than 470 relief centers in six districts, and fishermen were warned to stay away from the sea.

The state's top elected official, K. Palaniswami, told reporters the storm had killed 13 people in the state. Initial reports indicate the deaths were caused by wall collapses

and electrocution, said National Disaster Response Force official Umesh, who uses one name.

The storm felled trees and power lines, and authorities preventively disconnected the electricity supply to the worst-hit areas to prevent electrocutions. Schools were closed in places, and vehicles remained off the roads in most parts of Nagapattinam and Karaikal districts, the Press Trust of



In this grab made from video provided by KK Productions, a man chops branches from a tree to clear a road after a cyclone struck Cuddalore, in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu, Friday, Nov. 16, 2018.

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India news agency said. Heavy rains damaged rice fields and roads, and

strong winds uprooted banana and papaya trees along the coastline. □

Caravan migrants and worried families try to stay in touch

By **MARIA VERZA**

Associated Press

SAN PEDRO SULA, Honduras (AP) — There was cake at little Brithani Lizeth's third birthday party, and also tears.

Though her grandmother and aunt tried to make their simple cinder block home festive, the little girl could not be consoled. She missed her parents.

Orbelina Orellana and Elmer Alberto Cardona were hundreds of miles and two countries away in a small town in southern Mexico, making their way toward the United States with thousands of others in a desperate caravan, leaving their loved ones behind.

Despite the distance, Orellana was able to get a picture and audio recording from her daughter's birthday party in Honduras via WhatsApp and hear the little girl sob: "I love you, Mommy," words that left the mother crushed.

"I didn't even want to get up," she said of the bitter-sweet moment.

Like thousands of others, Orellana and her husband have relied on social media, text messages and brief cellphone calls to connect with worried loved ones back home as they traverse a country that can often be deadly for migrants. The birthday recording gave her comfort and courage to continue the difficult journey of nearly 3,000 miles (nearly 5,000 kilometers) by foot, bus and hitchhiking as they head toward the Mexican border city of Tijuana.

At the frontier with San Diego, many in the caravan hope to ask for asylum in the United States, though it could take weeks or months as they take their places at the end of a line of thousands of others in the slow-moving application process.

Years ago the migration trail north could be something of a black box. People might set out and not be heard from again until months later after reaching the U.S. and phoning from a relative's house,

or suddenly showing up back home after being caught at the border and deported. Technology has changed that.



In this Nov. 2, 2018 photo, 3-year-old Brithani Lizeth Cardona Orellana, bottom right center, stands with her 5-year-old sister Janeisy Nicolle and brother 9-year-old brother Kenner Alberto, flanked by their aunt and uncle at their home in San Pedro Sula, Honduras.

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Not everyone in the caravan has a smartphone, and for those who do, coverage can be spotty in the Mexican countryside. At times it's hard to find a hotspot or a charge. But for those who do, they're precious cargo. Many share them with fellow migrants who eagerly log in to Facebook and other apps to send or receive a quick message. Some NGOs also facilitated free calls home for migrants, with the Red Cross organizing more than 4,000 of them.

Orellana, 26, and Cardona, 27, have tried to call Brithani and her two siblings each evening when the caravan stops for the night, usually to sleep outdoors in public squares.

"I tell her I will always love her ... and she tells me not to miss her, that she is going to send for me," said Janeisy Nicolle, the couple's 5-year-old middle daughter. Often, in these brief conversations, neither side tells the whole truth for fear of causing worry.

Orellana and Cardona, for example, didn't get into the fact that he had been stranded for a while

on a desert highway in a dangerous part of Mexico, where migrants often fall prey to robbery, extortion, kidnapping and murder.

Their loved ones didn't mention that some days they were low on rice and beans because the family's small pineapple farm wasn't producing anything to sell. "Life is hard here," said Orellana's 29-year-old sister Deysi, now responsible for raising Brithani, Janeisy and their 9-year-old brother, Kenner Alberto. "But it's hard up there too." Many in the caravan are traveling in family units; among them are at least 300 children below age 5, according to a count conducted when they paused for several days to rest in Mexico City. Many more children have been left with relatives so as not to expose them to the dangers of the trip.

Orellana and Cardona are convinced they made the right choice in leaving their children behind and hope to reunite with their little ones if they make it to the United States and find work. Violent political protests in Honduras last year closed many of the stores where they used to buy small electronics goods to sell on the street. Ultimately they were spending almost

everything they made on transportation, with little left for food. So they borrowed money from the only people who lend to the

poor in Honduras — gang members, who charge exorbitant interest. When they were unable to repay the \$250, their debt suddenly became \$700. Then the death threats started to come. "If there is no way to pay it, they look for other ways," Orellana said. "That's why I was afraid."

On top of it all, their small wooden home collapsed.

"They suffered a lot," said Orellana's mother, 69-year-old Evangelina Murillo.

Murillo, who has cancer, lives with her daughter and son-in-law, two sons and now her three grandchildren in the two-room home donated by a local church in the rural outskirts of San Pedro Sula. It's a dangerous place: Another son was killed by a thief who was trying to steal his pig.

That kind of violence and poverty are the reasons cited again and again by migrants who joined the caravan.

Orellana and Cardona had tried four years ago to emigrate from Honduras, only to be deported from Mexico. When they heard about the caravan on the TV news in October, they

figured they didn't have anything to lose.

The hardest part was when Brithani held onto her mother and begged to come with them, crying, "Don't leave me, mommy, don't leave me!" "I couldn't take her, the risk was too great," Orellana said, clutching at two Virgin of Guadalupe medals hanging around her neck, one of them engraved with the initials of her three kids.

The daily phone calls from Mexico stopped for a while when the couple's cellphone was stolen, until they started traveling with someone else who had one. During that time the only news their anxious family back home received was from the TV — scenes of tear gas and border clashes between migrants and Mexican police, and unfounded rumors that a child had died in those disturbances at a bridge between Guatemala and Mexico.

"When we see those images, we worry and I just ask God to take care of them for me," Murillo said.

Thinking about their children is the only thing that helped the couple when life got tough with the caravan. Like when they lost their IDs on the border bridge amid the clashes. Or clambering aboard foul-smelling garbage trucks to travel more quickly and keep up with the rest of the group. And the days of slogging dozens of miles (kilometers) underneath a baking sun, and falling sick when colder temperatures set in.

"Whenever I felt like returning, I told myself, 'Damn, I'd be going home to the same misery as always,'" Orellana said. "If I've come this far, I have to face whatever comes to provide a better life for my children."

Nearing Tijuana, the couple said they were still undecided whether they would try to cross into the United States or ask for refuge in Mexico. And on Sunday their thoughts will again be back home, this time with Janeisy: It's her sixth birthday. □

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30 years anniversary Classic Car Club Aruba



ORANJESTAD — Aruba Classic Car Club is celebrating its 30th anniversary in November 2018 and with it comes a big celebration. They have extended invitations to the other car clubs of Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao.

Antique Car Club was founded in December 11th 1988 and later in 1997 changed its name to Classic Car Club Aruba.

The club consists of 25 members and the President is Mr. Phillip Hese and together they have 20 classic cars. The club organizes different social activities and rides during the year for its members.

They are also very popular during sports and cultural events.

As gratitude towards the management of the Classic Car Club Aruba they will be organizing some ac-

tivities for the public. The events will be held from November 20th until November 25th 2018.

The schedule is as follow:

Tuesday November 20th from 6.00 pm – 9.00 pm: Meet and greet carshow in San Nicolas (Promenade San Nicolas in front of Nicolaas store).

Wednesday November 21st from 6.30 pm – 9.00 pm: Moonlight ride.

The ride starts at the California Lighthouse and finishes at the Linear Park Roadside café.

Thursday November 22nd from 7.00 pm – 9.30 pm Registration night for members and participants at the Local Store Aruba in Palm Beach.

Saturday November 23rd from 6.00 pm – 10.00 pm.

Carshow at Centro di Bario Brazil.

Saturday November 24th from 1.00 pm – 6.00 pm

A ride around Aruba that starts at Joe Laveist Sportpark in San Nicolas to ex-Bushiri hotel.

Sunday November 25th from 9.00 am – 10.30 am

A Holy Mass will be given at Parokial Immaculada Concepcion Church in Santa Cruz.

The night will be closed with a dinner celebration for only members and participants.

The management and members of Classic Car Club Aruba would like to invite the entire community of Aruba to go see and enjoy the car shows and admire all the classic cars that form an important part of the history of Aruba. □



"A Match Made in Heaven(ly) Aruba!"



ORANJESTAD — Although living only minutes apart at home, Matt Torrisi and Jayme Diefendorf needed a 3,000 mile vacation to find true love. Their marriage here in Aruba is the culmination of a truly great love story. Both avid New England Patriots fans, they ended up celebrating a

Pats victory over the Giants at Moomba Beach three years ago and have been committed to each other ever since. They have brought 70 family and friends from all over the U.S. to witness this incredible adventure.

Matt Torrisi, of Methuen,

and Jayme Diefendorf, of Salem, N.H., grew up only eight minutes from each other. So it shouldn't be any surprise that they met, fell in love and, well, in the end, Diefendorf accepted Torrisi's marriage proposal. Well, there is a little twist.

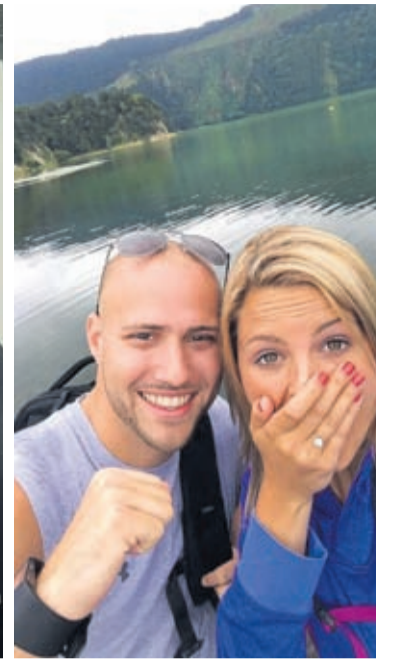
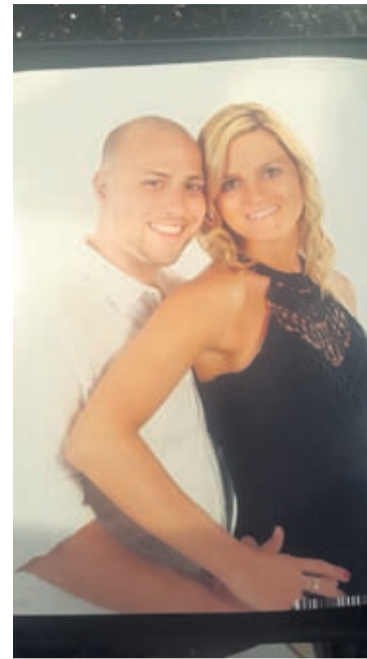
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Both were on pre-Thanksgiving family vacations, parents and siblings and friends. The Torrisi's, who have been going annually since 1999, were in one hotel, while Diefendorf's & Co., who have been their eight straight years, at another. And restaurant/bar called Moomba's was in between the two hotels. After the Patriots beat the Giants at the Meadowlands, 27-26, on a 54-yard field goal in the closing seconds, Torrisi and Diefendorf, separately went to the bar to celebrate.

Torrisi, while wearing his Tom Brady jersey, saw this "beautiful blonde" wearing the Patriots tank top T-shirt, walk by.

"We were introduced and started talking and realized we grew up so close to each other," said Torrisi. "Jayme ended up saying she'd buy me a drink. Next thing you know we're walking to the bar and she starts talking to another guy. Torrisi eventually got her attention and there was conversation, dancing and more conversation.

"We walked back to her hotel and chatted more,"



said Torrisi. "It was awesome."

They realized they had more in common than the Patriots. They realized they grew up minutes away from each other. "In fact, even crazier was the fact that her father's house was on Arlington Pond in Salem (N.H.)," said Torrisi. "My grandmother's home was on the other side of the pond. I can clearly see their home. I had been there hundreds of times, yet we had never met."

Torrisi attended UMass Lowell and is a sales representative for LogMeIn in Boston while Diefendorf, who attended Mass. College of Pharmacy in Boston, is a dental hygienist in Salem.

On a trip to Azores Islands, off the coast of Portugal, Torrisi surprised Diefendorf by proposing on a bridge while getting down on one knee. She accepted.

So as you can imagine a 2018 wedding was being

planned.

The wedding

Torrisi and Diefendorf got married last Thursday at the Marriott Hotel. Accompanied by 70 close family members and friends who were witnesses to this wonderful moment. Surrounded by their loved ones, the beautiful white beaches, the breathtaking sunset and the amazing scenery they couldn't ask for a better way to start their life together as husband and wife.

The irony of their initial meeting amazes Torrisi to this day.

"We each travel 1,000 miles to Aruba and the Patriots do something they never do, which is beat the Giants," said Torrisi. Well, it's all about timing and being at the right place at the right time."

Aruba Today would like to wish Torrisi and Diefendorf all the best today and always. □



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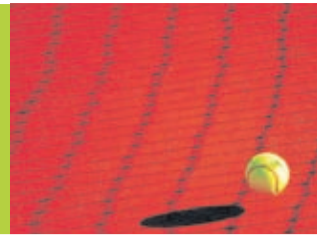
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SPORTS



NFL awarding more than \$35 million to brain injury studies

By **BARRY WILNER**

AP Pro Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL is awarding more than \$35 million in funding to five organizations conducting research into diagnosis and treatment of brain injuries. Through its Scientific Advisory Board established as part of its "Play Smart. Play Safe" initiative, the NFL is awarding grants to investigative teams focusing on concussions and associated conditions, including chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE). Receiving the funding will be:

—Boston Children's Hospital and Harvard Medical School, led by Dr. William P. Meehan III, \$14,698,132 to "A Prospective, LONGitudinal and Translational Study for Former National Football League Players."

—The University of Pittsburgh and University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, \$6,070,384 to its "Prevalence of Brain Health versus Neurodegeneration in Professional Football Retirees" work.

—The University of Calgary, led by Dr. Carolyn Emery, \$9,438,473 to "Surveillance in High Schools to Reduce Concussions in Youth."

—The University of California-San Francisco, led by Dr. Geoff Manley, \$3,454,080 to "Transforming Research and Clinical Knowledge in Traumatic Brain Injury (TRACK-TBI Longitudinal)."

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GREEN FLIGHT

Rockets get back to .500, route Warriors in Green's return

Houston Rockets' James Ennis III (8) is fouled by Golden State Warriors' Draymond Green (23) during the second half of an NBA basketball game Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018, in Houston. The Rockets won 107-86.

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Zverev to face Federer in semifinals of ATP Finals

By **SAM JOHNSTON**
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — After reaching the last four at the ATP Finals for the first time, Alexander Zverev isn't satisfied. He set up a semifinal with six-time champion Roger Federer by defeating John Isner 7-6 (5), 6-3 on Friday. Zverev is the youngest player at 21 to reach the semifinals since 2009 and the first from Germany since 2003. "The tournament isn't over," Zverev said.

"I don't want to really be thinking 'I'm in the semifinals now, I'm satisfied.' That's not how I work."

Isner and Marin Cilic, who later lost 7-6 (7), 6-2 in a dead rubber against group winner Novak Djokovic, were eliminated by the result. Five-time champion Djokovic will face debutant Kevin Anderson in the other semifinal on Saturday.

Isner needed to win in straight sets to have any chance of advancing and almost took the lead when he held a set point in the 12th game of the opener.



Alexander Zverev of Germany celebrates winning a point against John Isner of the United States in their ATP World Tour Finals singles tennis match at the O2 Arena in London, Friday Nov. 16, 2018.

Zverev saved it with an ace and played a faultless tiebreaker to eliminate the American.

"You make this tournament, you want to do a little bit better," said Isner, who lost all three of his matches. "But at the same time this is no normal event. You're up against the absolute best in the world."

In the second set, Zverev converted his only break point of the match to lead

5-3, before calmly closing out the contest at the O2 Arena.

Reaching the last four in London is the latest achievement in a career-best season for Zverev, whose victory over Isner took him beyond the 55 wins he posted last year.

Both players utilized powerful serves to hold comfortably but Isner came up with a crushing forehand return winner to bring up the first

break point at 5-6.

Having forced a tiebreaker, Zverev produced perhaps the most important shot of the match to dig out a deep Isner return and force a volley error to ensure it was he and not the American who earned set point. "A remarkable shot," Isner said. Isner netted a forehand and, with his chance of qualification gone, wilted in the second set as quality Zverev returns secured the only break of the match.

The 37-year-old Federer holds a 3-2 career record over Zverev, with the most recent meeting between the oldest and youngest player in the tournament having been a three-set victory for the Swiss at last year's ATP Finals.

"It's going to be a very difficult match," Zverev said. "I mean, him on this surface, indoor court, he's an unbelievable player."

The top-ranked Djokovic ensured he will be the only unbeaten semifinalist.

Despite having already secured an eighth semifi-

nal appearance with his previous victory, the Serb showed no signs of complacency as he lost just five points on his serve against Cilic.

Djokovic won 31 straight service points from the third game of the first set through to the fourth game of the second, but he did have to save a Cilic set point on his way to winning a closely fought tiebreaker.

"It wasn't easy to approach this match with 100 percent willingness to win it," Djokovic said.

Cilic, who has failed to advance from the round robin stage in four appearances, was unable to maintain his level of performance in the second set and allowed Djokovic to break twice.

Djokovic ended a two-year Grand Slam title drought by defeating Anderson in the Wimbledon final, before going on to claim his 14th major title at the U.S. Open. "He's playing well, serving well, very aggressive," Djokovic said of Anderson. "So I know what to expect." □

LPGA commissioner likes having many winners on tour

By **TIM REYNOLDS**
AP Sports Writer

NAPLES, Fla. (AP) — The LPGA will have either 25 or 26 different winners in 32 events this season, depending on what happens when the final putt of the CME Group Tour Championship drops Sunday. Commissioner Mike Whan is just fine with that sort of diversity.

Whan delivered his annual "state of the LPGA" address Friday during the second round of the season-ending CME Group Tour Championship, revealing that next year's total purses will exceed \$70 million for the first time. A new sponsor for the Women's British Open will be revealed soon, and the entire 2019 schedule is expected by the end of the month.

And having a tour where women from 10 countries have won this year is just



Lexi Thompson tees off during the second round of the CME Group Tour Championship golf tournament, Friday, Nov. 16, 2018, in Naples, Fla.

fine with Whan.

"I'd definitely prefer the top 10 players in the world rankings come from 10 different countries," Whan said. "And the reason is, if I get one player that wins 33 percent of the time she tees it up, when she doesn't tee it up it's not the same event." The way this tournament

has gone after 36 holes, there might be one more name added to the winners' list for 2018.

Lexi Thompson — still winless this year — shot a 5-under 67 on Friday to move to 12 under for the week, three shots clear of first-round leader Amy Olson (72) and Brittany Lincicome (71).

Thompson hit all 18 greens in regulation, and hasn't dropped a shot yet through two rounds.

"This is one of my favorite tournaments just because I can drive to it and I have so much family and friends out here and a lot of fans," said Thompson, a native South Floridian. "It means the world to me just to come here to Naples and play in front of them. Whether I do good or bad, they're always there supporting me, giving me high fives. That's what makes the game."

The tournament within the tournament this week is the conclusion of the Race to the CME Globe, with world No. 1 Ariya Jutanugarn now in control of that again. She's one of five women who entered this week with the best chance of taking that trophy and \$1 million bonus, and is back atop the projected standings

after shaking off a bogey-bogey-bogey start to finish with a 71 and get to 3-under.

Only four women have won multiple tournaments this season — player of the year Jutanugarn has three wins, as does Sung Hyun Park. Hataoka and Brooke Henderson are two-time winners, and 21 other women have prevailed once.

"Everyone always says we need more American players to do well, but it's not that we're not doing well," said Lincicome, one of eight American women to win once this season — and whose round Friday went haywire when a suddenly balky putter forced her to drop four shots on the final four holes. "It's just this tour is so global and everybody is so darn good. We can't get away with mediocre golf. You have to play your best all the time." □

Harden scores 27 as Rockets rout Warriors 107-86

By The Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — For a team with championship hopes, it seems a bit silly for the Houston Rockets to be happy about being .500.

But after the way they started the season, the Rockets took a moment to appreciate their recent progress after a rout of Golden State on Thursday night improved them to 7-7.

James Harden scored 27 points in Houston's 107-86 victory in a rematch of last season's Western Conference finals.

The Rockets, who announced before the game that they were "parting ways" with 10-time All-Star Carmelo Anthony, have won three straight and six of their last eight games after starting 1-5 to reach .500 for the first time since they were 1-1.

"I just told them: 'Congratulations, guys. We're .500. That's really good,'" coach Mike D'Antoni said with a laugh.

Then he got serious.

"This is a good step ... it's early but we do have the potential to be really good in different areas of the game and we've just got to keep building on it."

The Warriors, who got Draymond Green back from his suspension but were without Stephen Curry for the fourth straight game, have lost two of their last three. Curry has already been ruled out for Golden State's next two games because of a groin injury.

"We're banged up a little bit physically and right now we're banged up spiritually," Golden State coach Steve Kerr said. "There's no getting around that. So we've got to fill up our cup and get our spirit back, get our energy back and we're going to. It's a long season and this is a tough stretch



Golden State Warriors' Kevin Durant (35) talks with Draymond Green after a turnover during the second half of an NBA basketball game against the Houston Rockets Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018, in Houston. Associated Press

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we're dealing with."

Houston had a 13-point lead after three and opened the fourth quarter with a 12-2 run to make it 88-65 and spur Kerr to call a timeout. The Rockets then scored the first nine points after the timeout, with six from James Ennis, to make it 97-65 midway through the quarter and put the game out of reach. Both teams cleared their benches a couple of minutes after that.

Harden likes the attitude the Rockets have shown in clawing back after their terrible start.

"Our spirit and just the way we're getting after it," Harden said. "We're taking an individual challenge and the team challenge of guarding and offensively we're just sharing the basketball and obviously we're knocking down shots."

Kevin Durant had 20 points for the Warriors on a night they were just 4 of 18 on 3-pointers.

Green had five rebounds and five assists in his return from the one-game ban imposed by the team for a dustup with Durant in Monday night's overtime loss to the Clippers.

While the Warriors dealt with the drama between

Green and Durant, the Rockets were left to answer questions about the decision to move on from Anthony. Anthony played just 10 games after signing a one-year, \$2.4 million deal during the offseason.

NUGGETS 138, HAWKS 93

DENVER (AP) — Juancho Hernangomez scored a season-high 25 points to lead seven Nuggets in double figures and Denver set the tone for a runaway victory with a big first quarter against Atlanta.

Paul Millsap and Gary Harris added 18 points apiece for the Nuggets, who unleashed a torrid offensive display to snap their season-high, four-game losing streak.

Jamal Murray, who came off the bench rather than start, had 14 points, as did Trey Lyles.

Denver outshot Atlanta 56.4 percent to 34.8 percent from the field and pushed the pace throughout, getting up and down the floor and wearing down the Hawks, who like to run themselves but were also playing at altitude and in the midst of a four-game road trip.

Jeremy Lin scored 16 points and Kent Bazemore had 14 in the Hawks' sixth straight

loss.

CLIPPERS 116, SPURS 111

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lou Williams hit a go-ahead 3-pointer with 40 seconds remaining and Los Angeles beat San Antonio for its first three-game winning streak of the season.

The Clippers improved to 7-1 at home after blowing leads of 14 points in the second quarter and 10 in the fourth.

The Spurs were the third

high-powered team in a row beaten by the Clippers, who edged Milwaukee and defending NBA champion Golden State in a pair of overtime wins.

Williams led Los Angeles with 23 points off the bench. Danilo Gallinari added 19 points and Tobias Harris 18. DeMar DeRozan scored 34 points for the Spurs, who dropped their third in a row. Rudy Gay added 19 points off the bench. □

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Potential classic on Monday night in Chiefs-Rams, now in LA

By **BARRY WILNER**

AP Pro Football Writer

What some are calling the NFL's Game of the Year already has made huge headlines by being moved out of Mexico City because of poor playing conditions. Chiefs-Rams is back in Los Angeles, in prime time and, if it lives up to its billing, could be a wild, high-scoring affair.

Regardless of who wins, both clubs figure to be in the Super Bowl mix. And because of the extracurriculars associated with Monday night's meeting, perhaps it won't be a fair measurement which is the superior team.

Who cares?

For a mid-November match, fans can't ask for much better than a pair of 9-1 teams with powerhouse offenses and stars galore — leading MVP contenders Todd Gurley of Los Angeles and Patrick Mahomes of Kansas City for starters — going at it as the only show in town. No matter which town.

It's the first meeting in NFL history this late in a season between two teams averaging 33 points per game. "He's made some plays that you sit back and you can't help but just say, 'Wow, what a great play,'" Rams coach Sean McVay says of Mahomes, who leads the NFL in yards passing (3,150). Rams QB Jared Goff is second (3,134).

Mahomes set a Chiefs record with an NFL-best 31st TD pass of the season last week. Len Dawson had held that KC record since 1964.

Gurley paces the NFL in scoring (108 points), yards rushing (988), carries (198), yards from scrimmage (1,390) and touchdowns (17). He has scored a touchdown in 13 consecutive games, extending his own franchise record.

"He is a heck of a player. A great player," Chiefs coach Andy Reid says when asked how to slow Gurley. "You have to be disciplined. They're a disciplined offense, so you have to be disciplined from a defensive standpoint. Then prac-

tice that way and then you go play."

OK, guys, go play. Let

ning three. It did so missing some starters. Safety Harrison Smith likes seeing the

games, the NFL's longest active streak.

TENNESSEE (5-4) at INDIA-



In this Sunday, Oct. 28, 2018, file photo, Los Angeles Rams running back Todd Gurley rushes during the second half of an NFL football game against the Green Bay Packers in Los Angeles.

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America watch what could be a classic.

The weekend began Thursday night with Seattle's 27-24 home victory over Green Bay. Russell Wilson threw for 225 yards and his 15-yard touchdown pass to Ed Dickson with 5:08 left was the difference. Seattle (5-5) snapped a two-game losing streak. Green Bay dropped to 4-5-1.

Off this week are New England (7-3), the New York Jets (3-7), Miami (5-5), Cleveland (3-6-1), San Francisco (2-8) and Buffalo (3-7).

MINNESOTA (5-3-1) at CHICAGO (6-3)

We soon will find out if the Bears are for real. They are on top of the NFC North, now face the defending division winners, then in a ridiculously short turnaround from Sunday night, they play the early Thanksgiving Day game at Detroit. They also have the Rams and Packers on the road in December.

Two of the NFL's stingiest and most physical defenses should be main factors Sunday.

Minnesota has allowed an average of only 252.5 yards over last four games, win-

Bears: Smith has four interceptions and six passes defended in 10 career games vs. Chicago.

Chicago dropped 10 in a row against the NFC North before beating Detroit last Sunday. It leads the NFL with 16 interceptions, and ranks second with 24 takeaways.

HOUSTON (6-3) at WASHINGTON (6-3)

Two also-rans of 2017 now leading their divisions.

The Texans have won six in a row and come off a bye. Key personnel such as DE J.J. Watt and QB Deshaun Watson were injured last year and are now playing at peak efficiency.

If Watson gets time to throw — Houston has surrendered 30 sacks — DeAndre Hopkins will be the biggest challenge to cover. He has four games with 10-plus catches, 100-plus yards and a touchdown through the air. That's most in the league since the start of 2017, and Hopkins has five TD catches over the past four games. . Washington has showed some balance on offense, but the defense has been a major factor in its strong year. It has forced a turnover in 13 consecutive

NAPOLIS (4-5) Suddenly, there's a race in the AFC South, and the Colts could get even more involved with a fourth consecutive victory. But the Titans, coming off their best game by far in an upset of the Patriots, have won six straight within the division.

Of course, Andrew Luck was not in the lineup for any of those; Luck is 9-0 in starts against Tennessee.

"I'm aware of it," Luck says. "But what's happened has happened, and good, bad or ugly, it doesn't really matter." The Titans have the league's No. 1 scoring defense, allowing 16.8 points a game, and have yielded a league-low 16 touchdowns.

PHILADELPHIA (4-5) at NEW ORLEANS (8-1)

New Orleans looks like the NFL's top team right now, and the Eagles don't resemble their title-winning squad of last season.

Injuries are damaging Philly's defense at a really bad time. A banged-up secondary takes on Drew Brees and his assortment of helpers. The Saints have scored at least 40 points in five games this season, the third team in NFL history to

score 40 in five of the first nine. Brees is completing 77.1 percent of his passes, has thrown for 21 TDs with one interception, and has a 123.8 passer rating.

Michael Thomas is tied for the NFL lead with 78 catches, ranks second with 950 yards, while Alvin Kamara and Mark Ingram form a formidable and versatile backfield.

PITTSBURGH (6-2-1) at JACKSONVILLE (3-6)

The Steelers will be wise to look forward and not back at their last encounter with the Jaguars. Jacksonville beat Pittsburgh twice last season, including a 45-42 playoff shocker at Heinz Field.

Thinking revenge would be foolish because the Steelers are on a roll. Well, so are the Jags: Pittsburgh has won five in a row, Jacksonville has dropped that many consecutively.

Steelers running back James Conner has not allowed the team to regret the contract impasse that has led to Le'Veon Bell sitting out the season. Conner is the eighth player in team history with at least 10 rushing touchdowns, leads the AFC in rushing, and is expected to play after being placed in concussion protocol following last week's win over Carolina.

CINCINNATI (5-4) at BALTIMORE (4-5)

Cincinnati brings an historically leaky defense to Baltimore, which might be without regular quarterback Joe Flacco (hip). That would mean either first-round pick Lamar Jackson or veteran Robert Griffin III will try to further expose that Bengals unit.

The Bengals have won eight of the last 10 in the series, but they fired first-year defensive coordinator Teryl Austin after a 51-14 loss to the Saints, the second-most points allowed in franchise history. They became the first team in the Super Bowl era to give up 500 yards in three straight games and are on pace to give up an NFL-record 7,273 yards.

Head coach Marvin Lewis takes over defensive coordinator duties, too. □

Wilson caps Seattle's rally past Packers for 27-24 win

By TIM BOOTH
AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE (AP) — After a shaky beginning, Russell Wilson got hot in the fourth quarter, Bobby Wagner and Seattle's defense stymied Aaron Rodgers and the Seahawks stayed in the middle of the NFC playoff race.

"We've been through so much throughout this season it was time to get over the hump," Wagner said. "We've been down, we've been up, we've lost close games, we've won close games. It was time."

Wilson threw for 225 yards and his 15-yard touchdown pass to Ed Dickson with 5:08 left was the difference in the Seahawks' 27-24 victory over the Green Bay Packers on Thursday night.

In a key matchup in the battle for the two NFC wild-card spots, Seattle (5-5) snapped a two-game losing streak by overcoming an early 14-3 deficit. Wilson was inconsistent at times early, but was outstanding in the fourth quarter, capping the winning drive by recognizing a blitz and hitting Dickson quickly for his second TD pass of the night.

"I thought that whole drive was pretty exceptional. ... When it came down to it, third-down, you've got to win in the red-zone and we were pretty clutch in the red-zone there at the end of the game," Wilson said. Seattle still has not lost three straight games since the middle of the 2011 season and the Seahawks finally closed out a one-score victory after consecutive close losses to the Chargers and Rams. Seattle was 1-8 in its previous nine games decided by one score.

Rodgers had a huge first half and threw for 332 yards, but the Packers (4-5-1) had just one scoring drive in the second half, helped by a 57-yard strike from Rodgers to Davante Adams. Rodgers threw a pair of touchdown passes in the first half, but never got the ball back after Green Bay punted with 4:20 left. Seattle got first-down runs from Wilson and Mike Davis and



Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson, right, throws a pass as Green Bay Packers outside linebacker Clay Matthews, left, defends during the first half of an NFL football game Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018, in Seattle.

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finished the game kneeling three times.

"It was definitely consideration, but with the one time out and the clock stopped at two minutes, we played the numbers," Green Bay coach Mike McCarthy said. Chris Carson rushed for 83 yards and a touchdown, overcoming the mistake of fumbling on the first play of the game and setting up Green Bay's opening score. Tyler Lockett had two key receptions late in the fourth quarter and Doug Baldwin had his first TD catch of the season for Seattle.

Rodgers was 21-of-30 passing with 10 of those going to Adams for 166 yards receiving. Backup tight end Robert Tonyan had the first catch of his career go for a 54-yard touchdown to give Green Bay an early 14-3 lead. The Packers led 21-17 at halftime after Aaron Jones caught a 24-yard TD pass from Rodgers in the final minute of the half, but Green Bay's offense was stymied in the second half.

"Of course there's hope. Of course we believe in each other," Rodgers said. "It's just going to take one galvanizing moment, whether that's a speech or a practice or something happens in the game, something's got to get this thing going."

Jones finished with 40 yards rushing after going for a career-high 145 a week ago. Rodgers was sacked five times, four of those in the second half. The Packers gained just 114 yards in the second half, half coming on the one throw from Rodgers to Adams. That pass set up Mason Crosby's 36-yard field goal with 8:23 left to give Green Bay a 24-20 lead.

Wilson had one more answer. Wilson hit Lockett on consecutive plays for 18 yards — to convert a third-down — and 34 yards to the Green Bay 16. Two plays later, facing another third-and-long, Wilson recognized the blitz and hit Dickson quickly over the middle to put Seattle in

front.

That proved to be enough. On Green Bay's next drive, Rodgers short-hopped a pass on third-and-2.

"The ball just stuck to my hand and went in the dirt," Rodgers said. "Frustrating obviously, I can do that a hundred times and probably not do that again. Rather than going for it on fourth-down, Green Bay punted and never got the ball back.

"I have faith in this team so I'm going to be an aggressive caller and go for it and say that we'll get it, but at the same time, you have to be realistic and I agree with coaches call 100 percent put it back on the defense," Adams said. "It was tough, they have a great running game, they made a play and that's how it unfolded."

INJURIES

Green Bay was down four starters with CB Kevin King, S Kentrell Brice, LB Nick Perry and WR Randall Cobb all out due to injuries. They lost two more in the first half

when Bashaud Breeland — starting for King — aggravated a groin injury and Jimmy Graham injured his thumb. Graham had a 13-yard reception on Green Bay's first offensive play in his return to Seattle, but that was his only catch.

Mike Daniels suffered a foot injury early in the second half and backup safety Raven Greene suffered an ankle injury. Neither returned.

ROAD WOES

The Packers dropped to 0-5 on the road this season and have lost seven straight away from Lambeau Field dating to last season. □



Point scores 3 PP goals in 1:31, Lightning top Penguins

By The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Brayden Point scored three straight power-play goals in 1:31 — the sixth-fastest three goals in NHL history — and the Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Pittsburgh Penguins 4-3 on Thursday night.

Bill Mosienko holds the record, scoring three times in 21 seconds for Chicago against New York in 1952. Point's 91-second burst was the second-fastest three goals since 1967-68.

Pittsburgh star Sidney Crosby sat out after sustaining an upper-body injury Tuesday night at New Jersey. Coach Mike Sullivan confirmed the injury is not a concussion.

Yanni Gourde also had a power-play goal, Nikita Kucherov added three assists, and backup goalie Louis Domingue made 28 saves to help the Lightning win for the fifth time in seven games. Starting goalie Andrei Vasilevskiy is out indefinitely. Patric Hornqvist scored twice for Pittsburgh, Phil Kessel also connected, Evgeni Malkin had two assists and Matt Murray stopped 22 shots. The Penguins have lost seven of eight following a four-game winning streak.

SENATORS 2, RED WINGS 1 OTTAWA, Ontario (AP) — Craig Anderson stopped two third-period penalty



Pittsburgh Penguins' Tanner Pearson (14) works against Tampa Bay Lightning's Braydon Coburn (55) for position in front of goalie Louis Domingue (70) during the second period of an NHL hockey game in Pittsburgh, Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018.

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shots and Drake Batherson scored in his NHL debut to help Ottawa beat Detroit. Anderson stopped 34 shots in his NHL-leading 17th appearance of the season, allowing only Michael Rasmussen's goal. Cody Ceci also scored for the Senators. Detroit had a chance to tie it midway through the third when Andreas Athanasiou was awarded a penalty shot after Ceci held him on a breakaway. Anderson read the play well and made a pad save. Seven minutes later, Ander-

son came up big on another penalty shot after Rasmussen was pulled down by Chris Wideman. Anderson denied Rasmussen's attempt to go through the leg pads.

ISLANDERS 7, RANGERS 5

NEW YORK (AP) — Anthony Beauvillier had three goals and an assist, and the New York Islanders held off the Rangers 7-5 to keep up their recent mastery over their cross-town rival. Leo Komarov had a goal and an assist, Anders Lee, Brock Nelson and Cal Clut-

terbuck also scored and Thomas Greiss stopped 36 shots to help the Islanders beat the Rangers for the 12th time in 13 meetings.

Chris Kreider had two goals and Fredrik Claesson and Filip Chytil also scored for the Rangers.

CANADIENS 3, FLAMES 2

CALGARY, Alberta (AP) — Carey Price made 43 saves and Artturi Lehkonen broke a tie midway through the third period to help Montreal beat Calgary.

Lehkonen scored his first goal in 18 games on a harmless-looking 40-foot wrist shot from off the wing that leaked through goalie Mike Smith's pads.

Tomas Tatar and Jonathan Drouin also scored for Montreal, and Max Domi had an assist to extend his points streak to eight games. Matthew Tkachuk scored twice for Calgary, and Smith finished with 19 saves.

WILD 6, CANUCKS 2

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Mikko Koivu had a goal and two assists and Minnesota beat Vancouver.

Eric Staal had a goal and an assist, and Charlie Coyle, Nino Niederreiter, Matt Dumba and Jason Zucker also scored in the Wild's highest-scoring game of the season. Devan Dubnyk made 25 saves.

Bo Horvat and Markus Granlund scored for Van-

couver.

BLUE JACKETS 7, PANTHERS 3

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Joonas Korpihalo stopped 38 shots and Columbus routed Florida.

Markus Hannikainen, Anthony Duclair, Josh Anderson, Pierre Luc-Dubois, Cam Atkinson, Brandon Dubinsky and Boone Jenner scored. Columbus is 4-0-2 in its last six.

Nick Bjugstad, Aaron Ekblad and Keith Yandle scored for Florida.

COYOTES 2, PREDATORS 1

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) —

Darcy Kuemper had a career-high 44 saves and Arizona Coyotes held off Western Conference-leading Nashville. Kuemper, starting in place of injured Antti Raanta, kept a shut-out going until Nick Bonino scored with 7:51 to play. Michael Grabner and Jason Demers scored to help Arizona improve to 9-8-1.

DEVILS 3, FLYERS 0

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Keith Kinkaid made 29 saves for his third shutout of the season and seventh of his career, leading New Jersey past Philadelphia.

Kyle Palmieri, Joey Anderson and Blake Coleman scored. The Devils have won consecutive games for the first time since opening the season with four straight victories. □

Brain injury studies

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—The Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital and Harvard Medical School, led by Dr. Grant Iverson, \$1,583,138 to "The Spectrum of Concussion: Predictors of Clinical Recovery, Treatment and Rehabilitation, and Possible Long-Term Effects."

Having awarded \$35 million of the NFL's \$40 million commitment made in 2016, the league has allocated the remaining \$5 million to further medical research focused on player health and safety. The funds will be distrib-

uted under the guidance of SAB Chairman Gen. Peter Chiarelli, a retired U.S. Army general who led the Department of Defense efforts on post-traumatic stress (PTS), traumatic brain injury (TBI), and suicide prevention. "We saw their translational values," Chiarelli said Thursday. "They supplemented ongoing research that already showed great promise. We were focused on the patient, and of the eight that we asked to come back and brief us for 30 minutes and answer questions, these five had the greatest opportu-

nity to help patients, and to help understand and prevent injury in the future. That was our unified goal in picking the final five." Col. Sidney Hinds, an SAB Member and program coordinator for brain health research at the Department of Defense, praised the transparency of the search for grantees as well as the long-range effects their research can have. "The traumatic brain community is relatively small when you look at other disease processes in comparison," Hinds said. "Many of these groups are collaborating already, but I do be-

lieve through this SAB process, the future steps will offer another opportunity to collaborate and share information. "I really look forward to further work and to the results these researchers will have, and to underscore the efforts they are undertaking. The results they get will not only impact professional sports but the broader general public to understand and take care of and treat concussions in the future." The five honorees will present evidence of making headway to the SAB in about one year. Chiarelli is optimistic their progress

will be obvious. "We felt it was important to ask each one of them that they provide deliverables at different stages in their research timeline," he said. "We asked that we would get together and see how their research is progressing. We hope not only they get to something that will help the patient, but increase the collaboration in the field, and I think this is something that will happen with this. "We hope to come back a year from now and see how they have been able to meet the deliverables they laid out. It's very exciting." □

Dutch win over France demotes Germany in UEFA Nations League

Associated Press

ROTTERDAM - When the Netherlands beat Germany 3-0 last month the score flattered the Dutch. Ronald Koeman's resurgent young team beat France 2-0 on Friday and this time the margin of victory flattered the French.

The rampant men in orange, driven forward by the pinpoint passing of midfielder Frenkie de Jong and given a creative spark in attack by Memphis Depay's trickery, could have scored five. Only a string of saves by France captain and goalkeeper Hugo Lloris managed to keep the score respectable for the recently crowned world champion.

The Dutch victory relegated Germany from the top tier of the new UEFA Nations League, a second humbling this year after Germany crashed out of the World Cup at the group stage four years after winning the tournament in Brazil.

Now the Netherlands, which didn't even qualify for the last World Cup or the 2016 European Championship, needs just a draw against Germany on Monday in Gelsenkirchen to win League A Group 1.



Associated Press

"This was a complete match at the very highest level," said Netherlands coach Ronald Koeman, who has in a matter of months turned an under-achieving team into a European force to be reckoned with. In its last three matches, the Netherlands has beaten Germany 3-0, drawn with top-ranked Belgium 1-1, and outclassed France. "I want to congratulate this Dutch team," France coach Didier Deschamps said. "They played a very good match. They

had a lot of quality." Midfielder Georginio Wijnaldum scored just before halftime and Memphis Depay converted an audacious stoppage-time penalty as the Dutch overran the world champion. France tried to play a waiting game, sitting back and hoping to launch speedy 19-year-old striker Kylian Mbappe on the break. But led by midfielder De Jong and center back Virgil van Dijk, the Dutch not only dominated possession, but also shut down the World

Cup star. "It is exceptional how he reads the game," Koeman said of De Jong. The result left the Dutch one point behind France in League A Group 1 ahead of the group's final match, between the Netherlands and Germany on Monday, when Joachim Loew's team will be playing only for pride. Wijnaldum broke the deadlock just a minute before halftime with his 10th international goal in his 52nd appearance for the Neth-

erlands.

Depay doubled the lead with a "Panenka" penalty in stoppage time, chipping the ball over Lloris to complete a memorable victory. The Netherlands must wish they could play every match at Feyenoord's De Kuip stadium — the victory extended the Dutch run of wins there to 15.

A depleted France arrived in Rotterdam after injuries sidelined Paul Pogba, Anthony Martial, Benjamin Mendy, Thomas Lemar, Lucas Hernandez and Thomas Lemar.

Deschamps refused to use their absence as an excuse for his team's lackluster display. "We had confidence in the players we had here," he said. "We lost to a Dutch team that played very well and we did not play well." Elsewhere in the Nations League, Denmark beat Wales 2-1 in Cardiff to secure promotion from League B Group 4. Nicolai Jorgensen and Martin Braithwaite scored for the Danes before Gareth Bale hit a late consolation goal. Slovakia beat Ukraine 4-1 in League B Group 1. Ukraine had already secured promotion before the match. □

Ogier in driver's seat for World Rally Championship title

COFFS HARBOUR, Australia (AP) — Thierry Neuville finished the sixth stage of Rally Australia on Friday without a rear left tire, damaging his chances of catching five-time defending champion Sebastien Ogier for the World Rally Championship title.

The Belgian driver entered the rally just three points behind Ogier in the closest title fight in 15 years. He held the upper hand on his French rival, building a near-10 second gap through the first five stages at Coffs Harbour before hitting a chicane and finishing the stage with only three tires on his Hyundai.

Neuville was fortunate the puncture occurred late enough in the day to finish



Australian rally driver Hary Bates steers his car during a leg of Rally Australia on the Coffs Coast, Australia, Friday, Nov. 16, 2018.

Associated Press

all six forestry stages and avoid a retirement. But the mistake cost him 40 seconds and gave Ogier, who is 33 seconds ahead of him, a clear run at his sixth straight championship. In his last start with Ford be-

fore a move to Citroen next year, Ogier struggled as the first to drive the dusty, slippery forest routes. "I pushed like crazy, I was on the limit over the jump and everywhere, I can't do (any) more," Ogier

said. "I was on the limit." With Ogier on sweeping duties the back markers flourished, and Mads Ostberg took the lead in his return to the series. Ostberg was forced to miss the previous round in Spain to make way for rally winner and nine-time world champion Sebastien Loeb, who was making the last of his three guest appearances for Citroen. Now back in the seat, Ostberg leads Jari-Matti Latvala by 6.8 seconds in the Australian rally, with sixth-stage winner Craig Breen in third. Ogier was seventh, 38.2 seconds off the pace, but only needs to finish ahead of Neuville to claim the championship title. Neu-

ville is in 10th place after six stages. Roles will reverse on Saturday, with Ogier to start further back in the field and do his best on cleaner roads to make up the day-one deficit before Sunday's final stages. Andreas Mikkelsen, the 2016 Rally Australia champion, was an early dropout after rolling into a ditch in his Hyundai. Mikkelsen had only just avoided a tractor that had found its way onto the course. Former winner Molly Taylor and co-driver Malcolm Read were also forced out of their event when their Subaru hit a hay bale at high speed on the morning's second stage. Both reported soreness but suffered no serious injuries. □

Take a weight off: Tears, joy as kilo gets historic update

By JOHN LEICESTER

Associated Press

VERSAILLES, France (AP)

— In a historic vote, more than 50 nations unanimously approved an overhaul of the international measurement system that underpins global trade and other human endeavors, uniting Friday behind new definitions for metric units such as the kilogram in a way they fail to do on many other issues. Scientists, for whom the update represented decades of work, clapped, cheered and even wept as delegates gathered in Versailles one by one said "yes" or "oui" to the change, hailed as a revolution in how humanity measures and quantifies its world.

The redefinition of the kilogram, the globally approved unit of mass, was the mostly hotly anticipated change. For more than a century, the kilogram has been defined as the mass of a cylinder of platinum-iridium alloy kept in a high-security vault in France. That artefact, nicknamed "Le Grand K," has been the world's sole true kilogram since 1889.

Now, with the vote, the kilogram and all of the other main measurement units will be defined using numerical values that fit handily onto a wallet card. Those numbers were read to the national delegates before they voted. The update will



In this photo taken Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2018., a replica of the International Prototype Kilogram is pictured at the International Bureau of Weights and Measures, in Sevres, near Paris.

Associated Press

take effect May 20.

Scientists at the meeting were giddy with excitement: some even sported tattoos on their forearms that celebrated the science.

Nobel prize winner William Phillips called the update "the greatest revolution in measurement since the French revolution," which ushered in the metric system of meters and kilograms.

The Grand K and its six official copies, kept together in the same safe on the outskirts of Paris and collectively known as the "heir

and the spares," will be retired but not forgotten. Scientists want to keep studying them to see whether their masses change over time. The update will have no discernable impact for most people. Bathroom scales won't suddenly get kinder and kilos and grams won't change in supermarkets. But the new formula-based definition for the kilogram will have multiple advantages over the precision-crafted metal lump that set the standard from the 19th century to the 21st, through periods of stunning human achievement and

stunning follies, including two world wars.

Unlike a physical object, the formula for the kilo, now also known as "the electric kilo," cannot pick up particles of dust, decay with time or be dropped and damaged, but will be easier to share.

"If we stay where we are, and someone did accidentally drop the kilogram or if there was a contamination that we couldn't control, then the whole system has got no head. We're in chaos," said Barry Inglis, a scientist from Australia. "That's the thing that's really

been worrying us, I think, for maybe 15 years or more is just how vulnerable the system is, by depending just on that one little piece of platinum-iridium."

The redefined kilo is expected to allow for more accurate measurements of very, very small or very, very large masses and help usher in innovations in science, industry, climate study and other fields. In humankind's efforts to quantify and understand the world, stretching back centuries to when ancient Babylonians measured mass with stones, the vote marked a major milestone, enthused scientists agreed. "Those units, those constants chosen now, include everything we know, everything we have always known and provide that springboard for us to go pursue those things that we don't know," said Jon Pratt of the U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology. He said Friday's gathering "was just leaving me in a puddle of tears."

Updated definitions for the ampere, kelvin and mole also were approved Friday. Humanity uses seven main measurements units: the meter for length, the kilogram for mass, the second for time, the ampere for electric current, the kelvin for temperature, the mole for the amount of a substance and the candela for luminous intensity. □

Norway says Russia jammed GPS signal during NATO drill

By JAN M. OLSEN and JARI TANNER

Associated Press

HELSINKI (AP) — The Norwegian Defense Ministry said Tuesday that Russian forces in the Arctic disturbed GPS location signals during a recent large NATO drill in Norway.

The ministry said that Norway's Foreign Ministry earlier had raised the issue with Russian authorities.

In an email Tuesday to The Associated Press, the ministry said it "was aware that that jamming has been recorded between Oct. 16

and Nov. 7 from the Russian forces" on the Arctic Kola peninsula.

NATO's huge exercise Trident Juncture that included soldiers from 31 countries, was staged in Norway from Oct. 25 to Nov. 7. Finland and Sweden, which aren't NATO members, also took part in the drill.

The jamming of the location signals isn't believed to have caused any accidents. Over the weekend, Finnish Prime Minister Juha Sipila said his country's GPS location signals were intentionally disrupted in the

northern Lapland region. Finland's state Air Navigation Services issued a warning to civilian air traffic earlier last week.

Without providing any further evidence, Sipila said Sunday that neighboring Russia may have been to blame. "It's possible Russia was the disrupting party," Sipila said in an interview with Finnish public broadcaster YLE. Finnish President Sauli Niinisto has called for a thorough investigation into the incident. The Russian Defense Ministry couldn't be

reached Tuesday for comment on Norway's claim. The Kremlin on Monday denied involvement in the Finnish GPS disturbance. "We know nothing about Russia's possible involvement in those GPS failures," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said, according to TASS news agency. "There is a trend to blame all mortal sins on Russia." Russia is known to have substantial capabilities for electronic warfare. Experts say it has in recent years invested heavily in technology that can affect GPS location

signals over a broad area. The northern Arctic regions of Finland's Lapland and Norway's Finnmark are adjacent to Russia's Kola Peninsula, which is home to Russia's Northern Fleet with major naval and submarine bases and other Russian military installations. Asked about Finland's claims, NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg told reporters Monday that cyber and electronic warfare are becoming more and more widespread, "therefore we take all these issues very seriously." □

Retailers, tech companies weigh on US stock market; Oil up

By ALEX VEIGA
Associated Press

U.S. stock indexes turned mostly lower in afternoon trading Friday, placing the market on course to end the week with sharp loss. Stocks briefly rallied after President Donald Trump expressed optimism that the U.S. and China will reach a deal to resolve their costly trade dispute, but the gains quickly faded. The remarks came as representatives of both countries have resumed talks.

Losses in large retailers and technology companies outweighed gains by health care companies, energy stocks and utilities. Energy companies rose along with the rise of U.S. crude oil.

KEEPING SCORE: The S&P 500 index slipped 1 point, or 0.1 percent, to 2,728 as of 1:40 p.m. Eastern Time. The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 58 points, or 0.2 percent, to 25,348. The Nasdaq composite lost 42 points, or 0.6 percent, to 7,216. The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies gave up 4 points, or 0.3 percent, to \$1,519. The stock indexes were on course end the week with a hefty loss.

US-CHINA TRADE: Investors appeared to draw some encouragement from Trump's remarks at the White House Friday. Speaking about the lingering trade dispute, the president said he hoped the U.S. could make a deal with China.

"I think a deal will be made," Trump said. "We'll find out very soon."



In this Nov. 8, 2018, file photo traders Eric Schumacher, left, and Richard Deviccaro work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

Associated Press

Stocks snapped higher after the remarks were reported, with the Dow briefly jumping as much as 220 points, before pulling back to about where they were beforehand. The Trump administration has imposed a 10 percent tariff on \$200 billion of Chinese goods over complaints Beijing steals or pressures foreign companies to hand over technology as the price of market access. That tariff is set to rise to 25 percent in January. Another \$50 billion of Chinese goods already is subject to 25 percent duties. Beijing has responded with penalty duties on \$110 billion of American goods. Washington and Beijing resumed talks over their spiraling trade dispute this week ahead of a meeting between President Xi Jin-

ping and Trump, China's Commerce Ministry said Thursday.

CRYPTO FALLOUT: Shares in technology stocks skidded, led by Nvidia. The chipmaker plunged 19.3 percent to \$163.28 after saying it had a large number of unsold chips because of a big drop in mining of cryptocurrencies.

SHIELDED? Troubled California power provider PG&E surged 37.2 percent to \$24.34 after the president of the utility's state regulator said it was essential for a power company to have the financial strength to operate safely. The remark late Thursday by California Public Utilities Commission President Michael Picker appeared to reassure investors that regulators might limit the poten-

tial financial hit that PG&E faces from the devastating wildfire in Northern California, which started Nov. 8 and has killed at least 56 people.

RETAIL RATTLED: Nordstrom cratered 14.4 percent to \$50.51 after the department store issued weak guidance for the full year. That disappointing outlook overshadowed the company's third-quarter results, which topped Wall Street's estimates.

UNDERCOOKED: Williams-Sonoma tumbled 12.6 percent to \$52.92 after the cookware seller said products were delayed because of shipping congestion out of China ahead of U.S. tariffs.

FEELING GOOD: Health care stocks were among the biggest gainers. Bristol-

Myers Squibb gained 1.3 percent to \$53.96.

IN STRIDE: Shoe Carnival climbed 3.4 percent to \$38.36 after the company reported earnings that were much higher than analysts were forecasting.

ENERGY: Oil prices headed higher, adding to gains from a two-day winning streak. Benchmark U.S. crude oil rose 0.5 percent to \$56.73 a barrel in New York. Brent crude, used to price international oils, gained 0.6 percent to \$66.96 a barrel in London. Despite the latest uptick, U.S. crude oil is still down about 13.3 percent for the month.

The pickup in oil prices helped lift energy stocks. Helmerich & Payne rose 2 percent to \$61.24.

BOND YIELDS: Bond prices rose.

The 10-year Treasury fell to 3.08 percent from 3.11 percent late Thursday.

CURRENCIES: The dollar fell to 112.76 yen from 113.58 yen on Thursday. The euro strengthened to \$1.1417 from \$1.1348. The pound rose to \$1.2833 from \$1.2791.

OVERSEAS: Major European stock indexes were subdued as trade tensions and political risks surrounding Britain's exit from the European Union kept investors cautious. Germany's DAX lost 0.1 percent and France's CAC slid 0.2 percent. Britain's FTSE 100 gave up 0.3 percent.

In Asia, Japan's Nikkei 225 index lost 0.6 percent while the Hang Seng in Hong Kong added 0.3 percent. South Korea's Kospi rose 0.2 percent. □

Hong Kong economy cools as trade tension mounts

Associated Press

HONG KONG (AP) — Hong Kong's economic growth sank to a two-year low in the latest quarter and the government warned it will face headwinds from U.S.-Chinese trade tension, weakening global demand and higher interest rates.

The Chinese territory's economic output expanded by 2.9 percent over a year earlier in the three

months ending in September, down from the previous quarter's 3.5 percent, government data showed Friday.

Measured quarter-on-quarter, activity expanded by 0.1 percent over the three months ending in June, rebounding from that quarter's 0.2 percent contraction.

Hong Kong faces "increasing downside risks" due to slowing growth in its Euro-

pean and Asian trading partners, the government said. It said the U.S.-Chinese tariff dispute is weighing on global trade and investment sentiment.

"The impacts on Hong Kong's external trade have begun to surface, and are likely to become more apparent in the near term," said chief government economist, Andrew Au, in a statement.

Hong Kong isn't directly

targeted by U.S. President Donald Trump's tariffs on Chinese goods in a dispute over technology policy. But as a major port that serves Chinese exporters, it is exposed to any weakening of foreign demand.

Exports rose 5 percent over a year earlier but growth decelerated in September as the impact of the tariff conflict "began to surface," said Au's statement. □

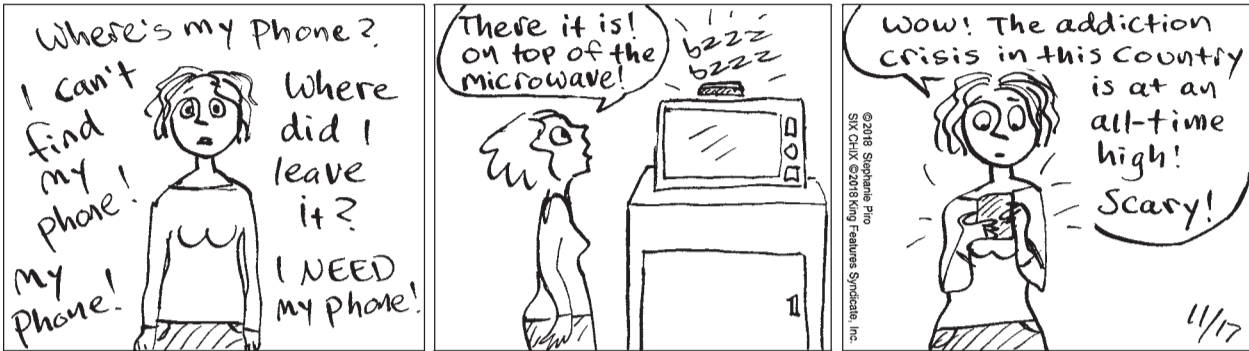
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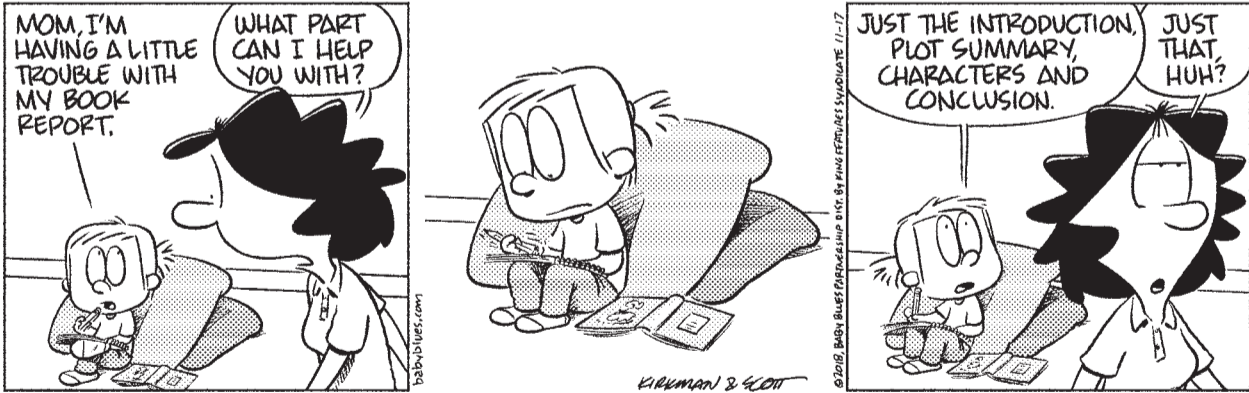
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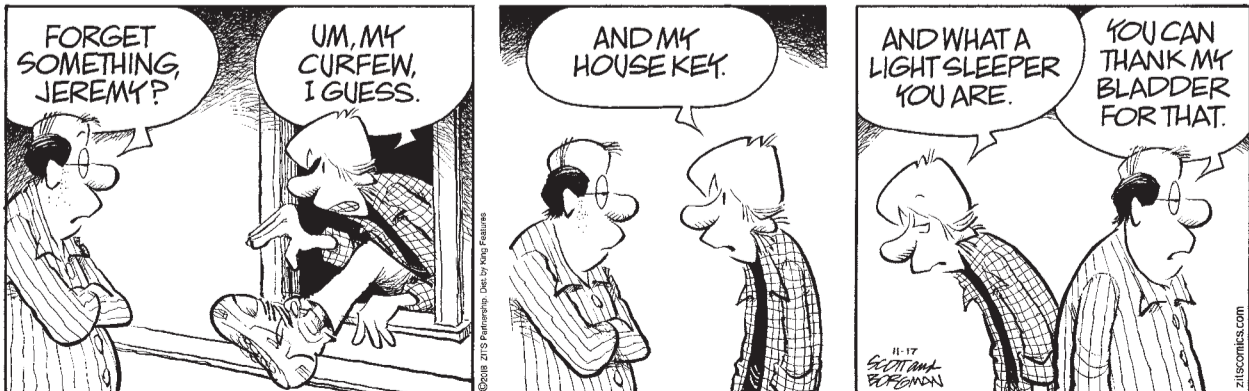
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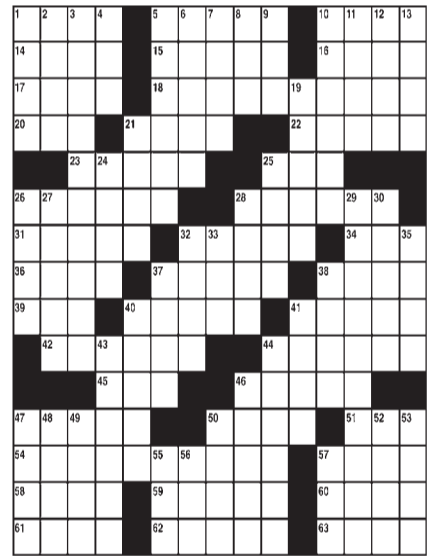
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

9	8	3	7	5	4	1	2	6
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1	3	9	8	4	6	2	5	7
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ACROSS

- Actress Seymour
- Alley cat
- Buddies
- Frothy drinks
- Serenity
- Outdoor feast
- Last week's honorees
- Contrition
- German exclamation
- Metal fasteners
- Went on stage
- Blackish wood
- As hairy as an
- Attic
- European nation
- Fess up
- Prickly plant
- Word in 4 U.S. state names
- Weaving device
- Composer & pianist Carmichael
- File drawer, perhaps
- Scale divisions: abbr.
- Canine
- Gets closer to
- Engraver
- NFL or NHL
- French article
- Haute, IN
- At the ___ the day; ultimately
- Go before others
- Sra. or Mme.
- Hairdresser
- Pass out cards
- Musical group
- ends; unfinished business
- "You're only young"
- Stick around
- Recluse
- Crock-Pot meal, perhaps



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Friday's Puzzle Solved

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- World's most populous island
- Traitor

- Shrewd
- Turns garden soil
- Trepidation
- Robbery
- Bookish fellow
- Weather forecast
- Not as fat
- Razz
- Diminishes
- Orderly
- Comic Carvey
- Roaring beast
- Marathon
- Murdered
- Ailing
- Contented sound
- Uno y uno



In this Sept. 21, 2018 photo released by Perth Zoo, a baby meerkat is checked by Perth Zoo staff after it was found at a property 130 kilometers (80 miles) away, in the town of Beverley.

Associated Press

Missing zoo meerkat case solved with 3 charged in Australia

By **TREVOR MARSHALLSEA**
Associated Press

SYDNEY (AP) — It wasn't grand theft. It was tiny. But the snatching of a baby meerkat from a zoo has not only become a major story in the Australian city of Perth, it has led to the arrest of three people. In September, Perth Zoo was ready to publicly show off its new month-old meerkitten to the public and media, but a day before its planned debut, it was gone. Worried zoo staff said the male baby, who hadn't yet been named, had apparently got out of its nest box, and feared it may have been snatched by a bird of prey. But the other possible reason for its disappearance — theft — was also explored.

Police were called to investigate, and two days later they found the missing meerkat — at a house 130 kilometers (80 miles) away, in the town of Beverley. Police charged two people who had visited the zoo over the furry heist. Jesse Ray Hooker, 23, was charged with stealing, while his friend Aimee Cummins, also 23, with receiving stolen goods. On Wednesday police charged a third person, a 31-year-old woman, also from Beverley, with possessing stolen property. Hooker appeared in Perth Magistrates Court, also on Wednesday, where defense lawyer Chad Silver

said that he "fell in love" with the newborn meerkat as it ran toward him in its enclosure and had scooped it up and put it in his cooler bag. He had then played loud music on the drive home to Beverley so that Cummins, unaware of the heist at the time, couldn't hear the animal's distressed cries. After a stop at McDonald's, the pair took the meerkitten home, adding it to a menagerie of four dogs and a cat. Silver told the court Hooker was in the process of returning the meerkat when the police called. In the tiny town of Beverley, population 1,700, even a secret that small was apparently too hard to keep. "The simplicity of the offence meant the police

were able to capture and follow up the meerkat very quickly," Silver told the court.

In front of a large media contingent, Hooker pleaded guilty and was fined 4,000 Australian dollars (\$2,800).

Cummins would have faced her verdict, but Silver said she could not attend the hearing, citing medical reasons and intense media pressure. She'll appear in person in January. The 31-year-old woman will face court next month.

As for the meerkitten, despite fears from zoo staff his mob would reject him, he's been welcomed back into the fold and given a name from the East African language of Kiswahili: Salama, which means "safe." □



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Identifying wildfire dead: DNA, and likely older methods too

By JENNIFER PELTZ

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Authorities doing the somber work of identifying the victims of California's deadliest wildfire are drawing on leading-edge DNA technology, but older scientific techniques and deduction could also come into play, experts say.

With the death toll from the Northern California blaze topping 40 and expected to rise, officials said they were setting up a rapid DNA-analysis system, among other steps.

Rapid DNA is a term for portable devices that can identify someone's genetic material in hours, rather than days or weeks and more extensive equipment it can take to test samples in labs.

A 2017 federal law provided a framework for police to use rapid DNA technology when booking suspects in criminal investigations, and some medical examiners have started using it to identify the dead or are weighing deploying it in disasters.

"In many circumstances, without rapid DNA technology, it's just such a lengthy process," says Frank DePaolo, a deputy commissioner of the New York City medical examiners' office,



A search and rescue workers searches a car for human remains at a trailer park burned out from the Camp Fire, Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2018, in Paradise, Calif.

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which has been at the forefront of the science of identifying human remains since 9/11 and is exploring how it might use a rapid DNA device.

The technology, and DNA itself, has limits. It is sometimes impossible to extract DNA from incinerated remains, and trying to identify remains through DNA requires having a sample from the person when alive or building a profile by sampling close relatives.

But that doesn't mean there's no hope of identifying the dead without DNA.

"There's two ways to approach it: You could do a DNA-led identification effort ... (or) more traditionally, the medical examiner and their team of people will try to establish the biological profiles of the unidentified and try to identify them through more traditional methods," says Dr. Anthony Falsetti, a George Mason University forensic science professor and forensic anthropologist and a specialist in evaluating human remains.

In fact, more traditional methods, such as exam-

ining dental records, are often a first step. Partially, that's because victims might have dental X-rays but not personal DNA profiles. Other medical records — of bone fractures, prosthetics or implants, for instance — also can be helpful.

And after a disaster, a crucial part of identifying victims is developing a manifest of the missing people, studying the site for clues as to who might have been there and meticulously searching for remains, sometimes by having a fo-

rensic anthropologist sift carefully through the debris, DePaolo said.

"Ultimately, you may be able to identify that you have a female, a male, a child" from studying the remains, but science won't give them a name, he said. In such cases, authorities may have to rely on reasoning to match what's known about the remains to who is known to be missing.

"That manifest may ultimately be the only thing you have to potentially identify that the victims that were recovered from that location could be those victims," he said.

New York medical examiners have worked to match nearly 22,000 fragments of human remains to the 2,753 people killed at the World Trade Center. More than 17 years later, 40 percent of the dead have never had any of their remains identified.

But the painstaking process still yields results: The remains of one victim, 26-year-old Scott Michael Johnson, were identified in July for the first time.

Whatever the process proves to be for California authorities, DePaolo said, "it's a tough and complex job that they have ahead of them, and our condolences go out to them." □

NASA accepts delivery of European powerhouse for moonship

By MARCIA DUNN

AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)

— NASA has accepted delivery of a key European part needed to power the world's next-generation moonship.

U.S. and European leaders gathered at Kennedy

Space Center on Friday to mark the occasion.

The newly arrived powerhouse, or service module, will propel NASA's Orion capsule to the moon during a test flight without passengers planned for 2020. A mega rocket under development by NASA, known

as SLS for Space Launch System, will launch the combo.

The European component "allows us to take people farther into space than we've ever gone before, so it is a really big event for all of the Orion program," said NASA's Orion program manager Mark Kirsich.

Orion and the attached service module are meant to fly near the moon, but not land. Future missions will carry astronauts, with the goal of building an outpost just beyond the moon that could enable lunar landings and Mars expeditions. □



European Space Agency director general, Jan Worner, far right, answers questions during a panel discussion with U.S. and European leaders, from left, Bill Hill, NASA deputy associate administrator for exploration systems, Philippe Berthe, ESA program manager, Mark Kirsich, NASA Orion program manager, and Sue Motil, Orion European Service Module integration manager at the Kennedy Space Center Friday, Nov. 16, 2018, in Cape Canaveral, Fla., to mark the arrival of a service module, that will propel NASA's Orion capsule to the moon. Behind them is a model of the Orion capsule and the service module.

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Sigrid Nunez's novel "The Friend" wins National Book Award

BY HILLEL ITALIE

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Sigrid Nunez's "The Friend," a meditative novel about grief, books and, not least, a Great Dane named Apollo, has won the National Book Award for fiction. Other winners Wednesday night included Jeffrey C. Stewart's "The New Negro: The Life of Alain Locke" for nonfiction and Justin Philip Reed's "Indecency for poetry."

During a ceremony and dinner benefit at Cipriani Wall Street when those honored had roots throughout the world, from Peru to Japan, Elizabeth Acevedo's "The Poet X" won for young people's literature, and Yoko Tawada's "The Emissary," translated by Margaret Mitsutani, won for translation, a category newly revived.

Nunez's book tells of a woman mourning the death of her literary mentor and of her bond with the dog he left behind. It is a story, in part, of connection and distance. And Nunez, author of such previous novels as "Salvation City" and "The



Isabel Allende attends the 69th National Book Awards Ceremony and Benefit Dinner at Cipriani Wall Street on Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018, in New York.

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Last of Her Kind," noted in her acceptance speech that she didn't seek community when she became a writer, but unexpectedly found it.

"I thought it was something I could do alone and hidden, in the privacy of my

own room," she said. "How lucky to have discovered that writing books made the miraculous possible, to be removed from the world and be part of the world at the same time."

"And tonight how happy I am to feel a part of the

world."

Nunez's novel was chosen from among five fiction works set mostly in the present, and touching with lyricism and intensity upon everything from race and sexuality to climate change. Finalist Jamel Brin-

kley, author of the story collection "A Lucky Man," told The Associated Press earlier Wednesday that "Our lives vibrate with uncertainty and mystery, with paths precariously taken or not taken, and they are often under threat by one thing or another. Many of our lives are under threat by design." Lauren Groff, a nominee for the story collection "Florida," said that "In these frightening and fraught times, I had to come into the full certainty that art was meaningful enough for me to devote my heart to it."

"Parks and Recreation" actor Nick Offerman served as master of ceremonies and soon learned that among the publishing community you're more likely to get cheers with tributes to reading than with double entendre about "thumb drives."

One popular line: "In an age when our First Amendment rights and truth itself are very much in peril, books remain the ultimate repository of creative ideas and irreplaceable knowledge." □

Kurtag's first-ever opera makes long-awaited world debut

By COLLEEN BARRY

Associated Press

MILAN (AP) — Hungarian composer Gyorgy Kurtag's long-awaited, first-ever opera was hailed as "astounding" and "a masterpiece" as it made its debut Thursday at the famed La Scala opera house, winning eight minutes of applause.

Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban was in the royal box for premiere of "Fin de Partie," which is based on the play by Samuel Beckett. "This is the first time that a Hungarian opera is being premiered at the Scala," Orban said in a message on Facebook. "This is where we need to be. This is the most important event for Hungarians today." "Astounding," Orban commented to reporters as he left the theater.



In this photo taken on Nov. 11, 2018 Leigh Melrose, left, and Frode Olsen perform during rehearsals of Gyorgy Kurtag's opera 'Fin de Partie' at the Milan La Scala opera house, Italy.

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Considered by many to be the greatest living composer, Kurtag, 92, spent nearly eight years writing

the musical score for "Fin de Partie," putting to music about two-thirds of Beckett's original text.

Kurtag saw the Paris debut of Beckett's "Fin de Partie" in 1957 and he spent years studying the play, which

examines the interactions of four people, three of them invalids, who grapple with solitude even as they share a cramped space. The composer told reporters in Budapest last month that to adapt the text, he "chose little scenes from it," working from the volume he bought more than 60 years ago in Paris.

La Scala's general manager, Alexander Pereira, had been waiting since his days at the Zurich Opera House and then the Salzburg Festival to stage Kurtag's operatic debut. "Fin de Partie" was on more than one La Scala calendar before it finally materialized.

Backstage, Pereira said it was the most important opera in the last 30 years, likening it to works by Benjamin Britten. "It's a masterpiece," he said. □

Party joke or morality tale? New film re-examines Gary Hart

By JOCELYN NOVECK

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Hey, remember Gary Hart? Ask most people, and if they're old enough to remember anything at all, it's that famous photo of the doomed candidate with a smiling Donna Rice in his lap, on perhaps the most unfortunately named yacht in American political history: "Monkey Business." What most people don't recall, or never even knew, is that the photo emerged two weeks after the 1987 scandal had ended in Hart's withdrawal from the Democratic race, his hugely promising political career destroyed over suspicions — never confirmed — that he'd had an affair with Rice. The fact that people assume the photo led to Hart's humiliating downfall is just one of many ways in which the whole ordeal is mis-remembered, says Jason Reitman, director of "The Front Runner," which stars Hugh Jackman in an appropriately tense, anguished turn as the



This file image released by Sony Pictures shows Hugh Jackman in a scene from "The Front Runner." Associated Press

Colorado senator who rose fast and fell faster. "The story really plays with our sense of memory," Reitman says. "First people recall 'Monkey Business,' so they're remembering a joke, and then it's, what was that blonde's name?" The fact that Rice was a human being (also a Phi Beta Kappa college grad) and not just a blonde on a boat is one point that "The Front Runner," based on

a 2014 book by journalist Matt Bai, seeks to drive home. But the larger point is that the Hart saga, far from a party joke, marked a watershed moment in American politics and culture, with reverberations that continue to this day. Why? Because it was the moment when politicians became celebrities, and their private lives became our public business, even our property, Bai argues. It changed political journalism, too, he says, and created a different kind of candidate, perhaps forever.

"It's this moment in 1987 when the worlds of politics and entertainment collide," says Bai, who co-wrote the screenplay with Reitman and former political operative Jay Carson. "And when you create a process for selecting leaders that treats them like celebrities, you inevitably attract celebrities to your process. So it's supremely relevant." The reference to a certain current American leader is implicit.

A quick historical primer: Hart was way ahead in the polls to take the 1988 Democratic nomination and face GOP nominee George H.W. Bush. But rumors of marital infidelity arose, and a tip led Miami Herald reporter Tom Fiedler to stake out an alley near Hart's Washington townhouse, where the 29-year-old Rice, with whom Hart had connected

on a Bahamas cruise, was believed to be staying. Fiedler and his team confronted Hart. He refused to answer questions about his private life. Soon after, amid unrelenting scrutiny on his family, he quit the race.

Hart wasn't exactly the first American politician to be felled by a sex scandal — seen "Hamilton," anyone? — but before him, routine sexual peccadilloes were usually considered off-limits. If they hadn't been, many others, say John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson, wouldn't have survived. But Hart came along at just the wrong time, says Thomas Patterson, professor at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

Patterson argues that Watergate, obviously the seminal political scandal of the '70s, had spawned a more aggressive type of political journalism, tasking reporters with exposing the lies of politicians — big or small.

"If Hart had been luckier, journalists would have been a decade behind where they were at this point," says Patterson. "But Hart becomes the poster child, the first casualty, of an attack journalism that was really a product of Watergate, and journalists' sense that they couldn't trust politicians."

Each team member behind "The Front Runner," which will be in wide release on Nov. 21, has

their own takeaway from the Hart story. For Carson, who worked on numerous political campaigns including for Hillary Clinton, it's how "this world where I wanted to effect positive change ended up being so soul-crushingly awful."

Then there's Jackman, who confesses he knew little-to-nothing about Hart beforehand: "I was a traveling backpacker on a gap year!" The Aussie actor traveled to Colorado to spend time with Hart, seeking to portray a multi-dimensional human being. "Certainly my focus was on Gary and the man he was," Jackman says. "But I'm left thinking about the question of principle and ethics." For Hart, but also for other characters in the film like campaign workers and journalists, "there were lines not to be crossed," Jackman says, "and it got simplified down to, 'Did he have an affair or not?'"

"It wasn't that simple," Jackman adds. "For Gary, it was the principle of, if he starts answering those questions, he's going to sully the process for other people, evermore. He felt like, 'If I start talking about boxers or briefs, or the name of my dog, it's over.'" Of course, it was Bill Clinton who famously answered the boxers-or-briefs question. And for his own canny survival as a candidate, he may have Hart partly to thank, says Patterson at Harvard.

"Jump ahead four years, and Clinton had learned from Hart, from his failure and the damage it had done," he says.

Now jump ahead to today. If we cared so much about Hart's affair with Rice, some have asked, why did we elect a president who'd bragged on tape about groping women? (Trump later called it locker room talk.) Did we stop caring? No, though maybe we're more jaded, says Patterson. But we also live in a time of unprecedented political polarization: "People increasingly filter this stuff through their partisan lens." □

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Jorge Drexler dominates Latin Grammys with 3 wins

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Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Uruguayan Jorge Drexler owned the Latin Grammys on Thursday, picking up three awards including song and record of the year for "Telefonía" at a ceremony where other stars used their platform to promote messages of unity and justice.

Drexler also won best singer-songwriter album with "Salvavidas de Hielo." Spanish sensation Rosalía followed him with two awards, best urban fusion/performance and best alternative song, for the flamenco and trap hit "Malamente."

"I do not know what to say," Drexler said when receiving the last award of the night for "Telefonía," which he also played during the ceremony with Mon Laferte, Natalia Lafourcade and El David Aguilar, all playing string instruments.

Rosalía said she owed her success to flamenco, which she described as her "foundation," and dedicated her awards to her brother and other women in the music industry who have "made her take strength."

"I'm not going to stop fighting until I see the same number of men and wom-



Jorge Drexler poses in the press room with the awards for best singer-songwriter album for "Salvavidas De Hielo," song of the year and record of the year for "Telefonía" at the Latin Grammy Awards on Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018, at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas.

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en in the studio," she said. "Without them, I wouldn't be here."

Colombian reggaeton star J Balvin walked the red carpet as the evening's nominations leader with eight nods, but took home only the trophy for best urban music album.

The Latin Grammys are known as an awards show where artists take political stands. During the show and in backstage inter-

views, artists alluded to such topics as immigration and violence affecting several countries.

"In these times of crisis, art becomes a medium that reminds us of the urgency of justice and the need to find solutions that invite unity ... tolerance and inclusion," host Ana de la Reguera said before norteño group Calibre 50 performed "Corrido de Juanito," which tells the story of a man who im-

migrated to the U.S.

Mexican rock band Mana, honored Wednesday as the Latin Recording Academy's Person of the Year, also took the stage performing a medley that included its hits "Labios Compartidos" and "Clavado en un Bar."

The academy bestowed the honor on the band for its achievements and contributions to the Latin community and support of envi-

ronmental protection and human rights causes.

"We will continue fighting for the rights of the immigrants who have made this country great in the last century," lead singer Fher Olvera said, referring to the United States. "They were the difference for this country to be as big as it is. We will fight for Mother Earth, we will fight for women's rights and we will continue fighting to make songs from the heart and soul."

The band took the opportunity to announce that after two years without playing live, they will start a world tour next year.

Marc Anthony, Will Smith and Bad Bunny kicked off the night with a performance of their racy single "Esta Rico."

Laura Pausini won for best traditional pop vocal album with "Hazte Sentir," while the trophy for best salsa album was given to Victor Manuelle with "25/7." "Daddy, this is for you," Manuelle said looking up after mentioning his father's death earlier this year.

The coveted Latin Grammy for best new artist went to Karol G. She defeated nine other artists, including Angela Aguilar, Anaadi, El David Aguilar and Alex Ferreira. □

David Hockney painting fetches record \$90M at NYC auction

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A painting by the British artist David Hockney fetched \$90.3 million at Christie's on Thursday night, easily breaking the record for a work by a living artist sold at auction.

Among his famous "pool paintings," "Portrait of an Artist (Pool with Two Figures)" is considered one of his premier works. The previous record by a living artist was set by Jeff Koons' "Balloon Dog," which sold for \$58.4 million in 2013.

The 1972 painting by Hockney, now 81, is "the holy grail of his paintings, from both the historical and the market perspectives," Alex Rotter, co-chairman of post-war and contempo-

rary art at Christie's, said in September. He noted that it reflects both the European and the American perspectives of an artist who came to live in sunny California in the '60s, and saw himself as living on both continents.

"It has all the elements that you would want in a Hockney painting," Rotter said in an interview. He noted that writers have referred to the swimming pool as being sort of a self-portrait of Hockney, though he never confirmed that, just saying he was fascinated to paint moving water.

The painting, whose buyer was not immediately revealed, had been long held by a private collector.

A depiction of two men — one swimming the breaststroke underwater, the other standing by the pool looking down — the painting was originally inspired, according to background provided by Christie's, by two photographs Hockney found juxtaposed on his studio floor, one of a swimmer in Hollywood in 1966, and another of a boy staring at something on the ground.

The rocky landscape is in southern France, and the standing figure is said to represent Peter Schlesinger, whom the artist met in 1966, when the younger man was a student in one of Hockney's art classes at UCLA. For the next five years, according to Chris-



In this undated photo provided by Christie's Images LTD, a 1972 painting entitled "Portrait of an Artist (Pool with Two Figures)," by British artist David Hockney is shown.

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tie's, he was both "the great love of Hockney's life" and one of his favorite models. The relationship ended in

1971. Hockney had already begun the painting and he abandoned it, starting again the following year. □

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